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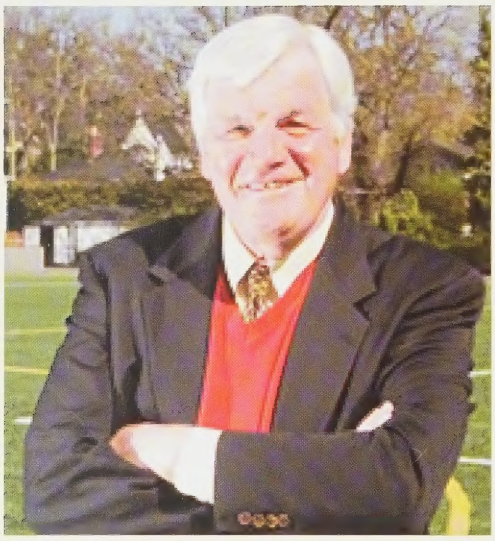

Students and Staff

2009-10 has been an extraordinary year for GNS. The passing of Drew Paone in the summer and Mr. Graham in the Fall started the year on a very sad note, but the celebration of their lives, at the Gorge Golf Club and on the Beach Campus were moments of community that none of us will ever forget.

We were led this year by the largest graduating class in the school's history – and I offer them my congratulations for a job extremely well done. Characterized as a class particularly strong in the arts, they nonetheless led us to our finest ever year in athletics.

In the final analysis, a school year is about people rather than events. The pages of this book will reflect both, thanks to the hard work of the Yearbook Staff. To them I offer our thanks and congratulations – particularly for their determination to include the third term for the first time in a number of years.

Enjoy.

Simon Bruce-Lockhart
Head of School

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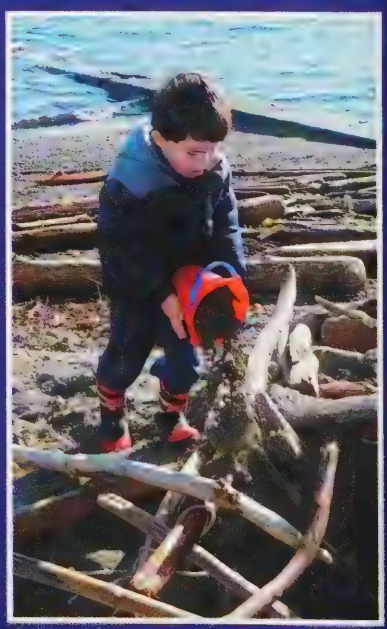

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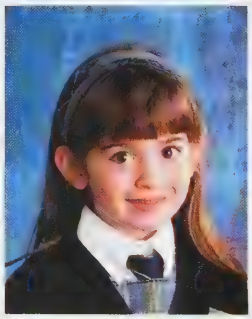
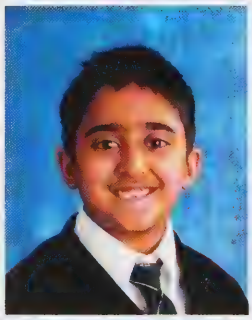

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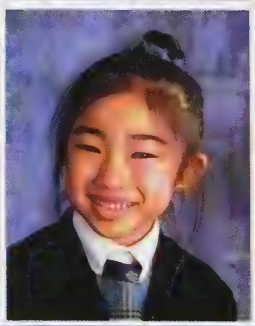

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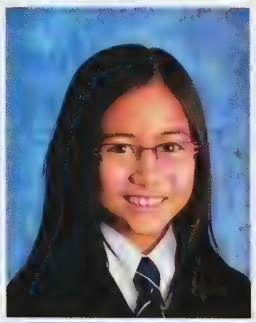

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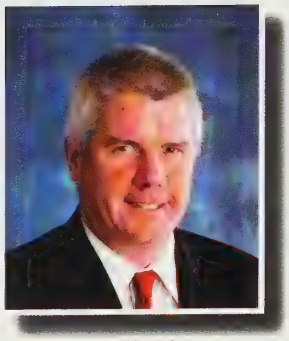

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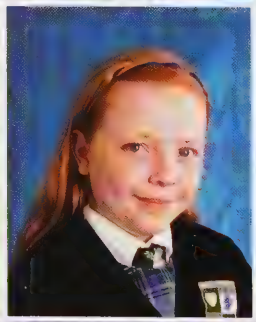

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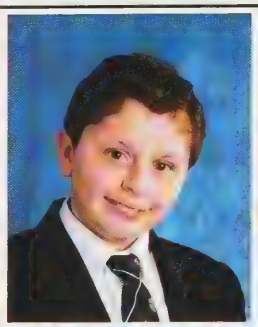

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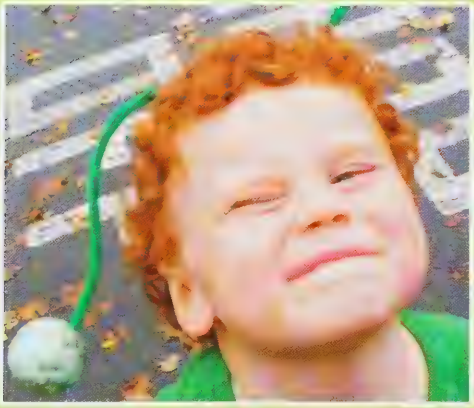

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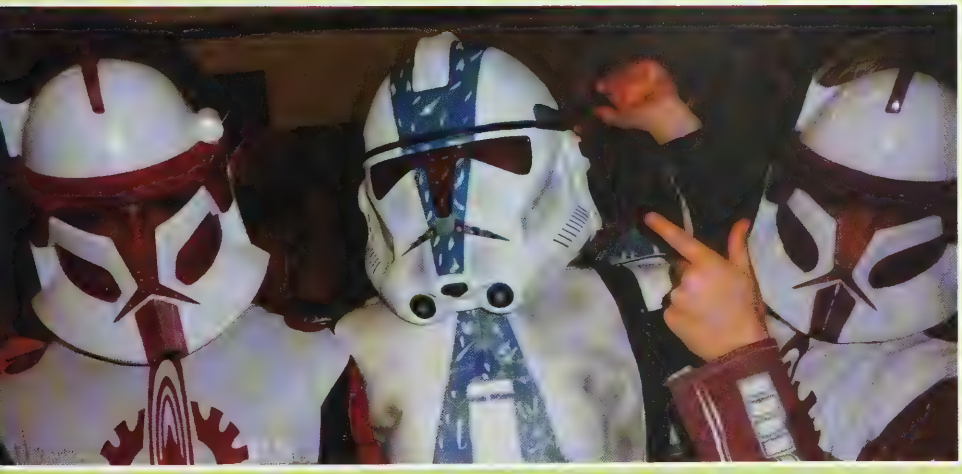

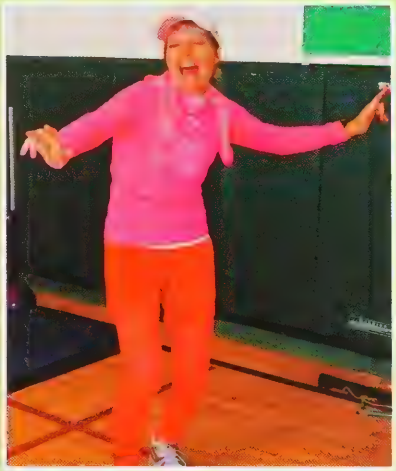

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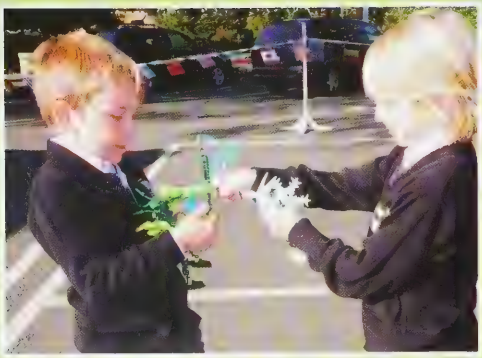

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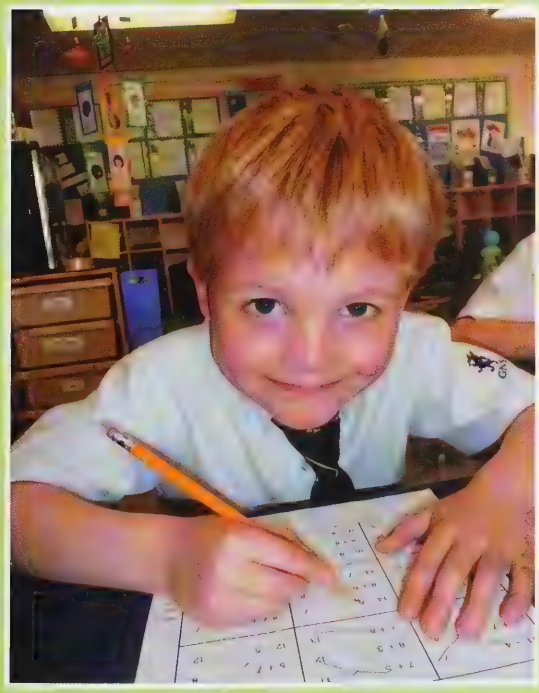

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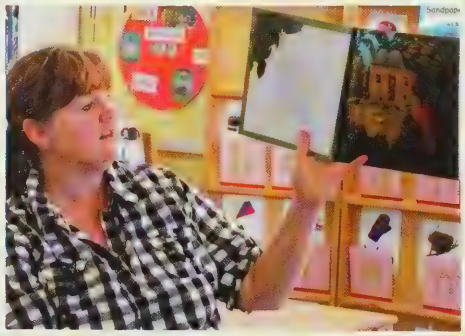

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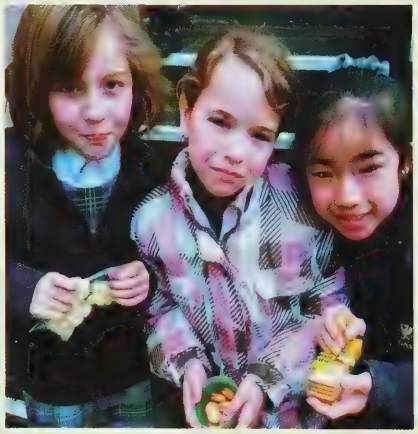

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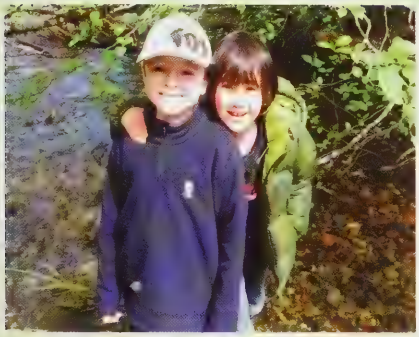

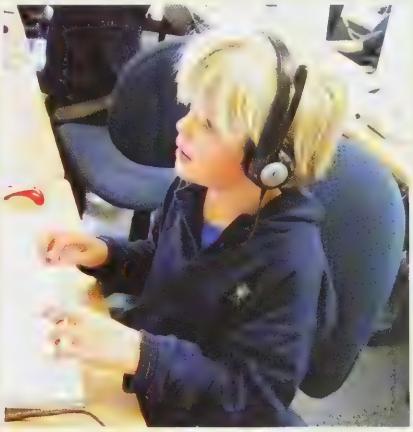

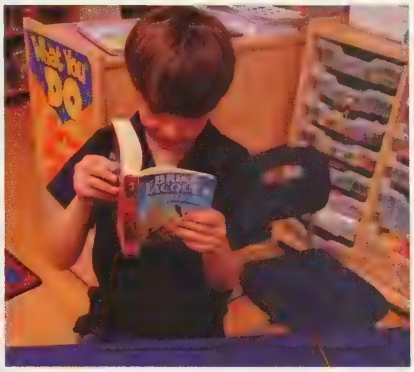

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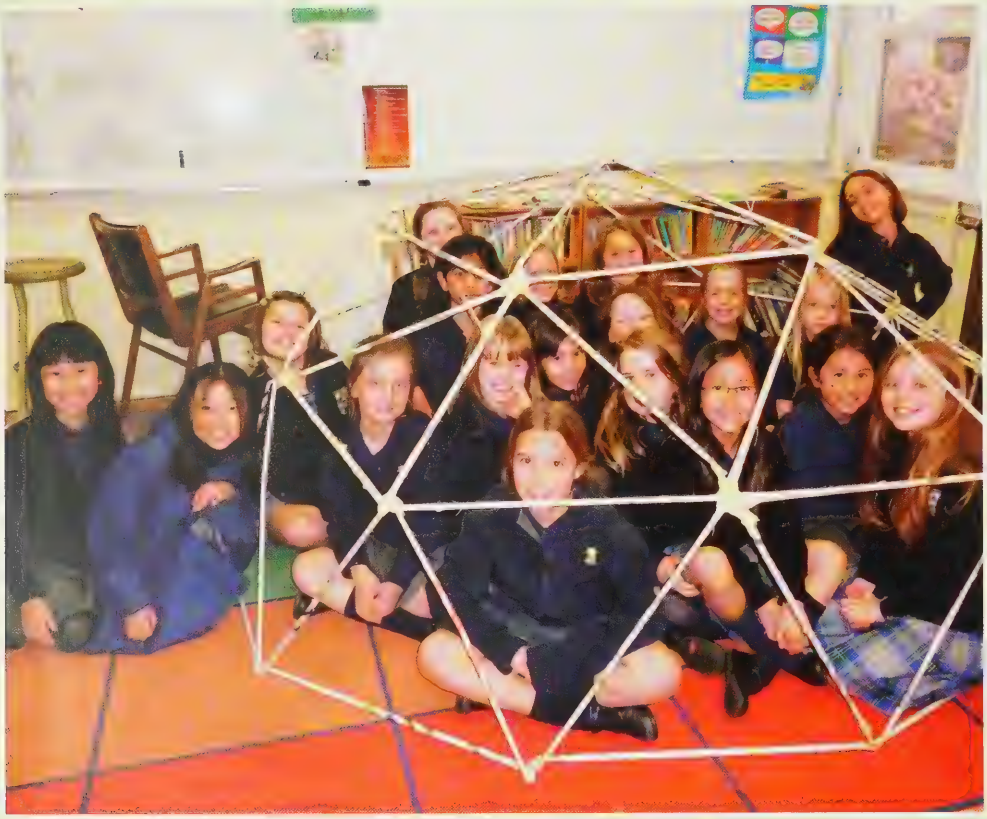

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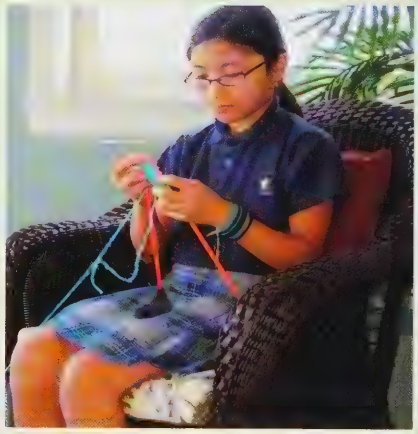


Grade Five Boys

Writings ...

The Pencil

A pencil is still
Like a lying down tree
It does not move
Unless you move it.
by Rhys Gittins Grade 1

Crow

Beware of the crow!
It flies in the bright blue skies
Staring at your snack
by Michelle Lee Grade 3

I tango through the water
I glisten through the sky,
I am the beautiful rainbow
I move in a wonderful circle
I am the water dance
by Anna Tang-Blumenschein, Grade 4

How Raven Got the Salmon

One day, many years ago by Deathwater River lay Bear, flexing his muscles and boasting about how quick and strong he was. And to those who doubted him he showed a huge, bulging sack of salmon he had caught and they backed down.

Meanwhile Raven was flying overhead searching for a snack when suddenly he stopped abruptly and gazed at the river. "Where are all the delicious salmon?" thought Raven. "I'd better go investigate." And he did.

When Raven landed he saw Bear and decided to ask him if he knew where the salmon were. "Bear, do you know where the salmon are?"

"In my sack!" replied Bear.

"Can I please, please, please have some?" begged Raven.

"No!" growled Bear. "These are mine, I caught them, not you."

And Raven, though discouraged still had a cunning mind, and with that cunning mind he hatched a cunning plan.

"I'll bet you can't stop the river from flowing!" swaggered Raven.

"I'll bet I can!" said Bear confidently.

So while Bear struggled with his task, Raven swooped down and caught the fish in his beak. "Wait, come back!" yelled Bear.

But it was too late. Raven had the salmon!
by Ben Djukstein Grade 4

The Clock

I think there are walking birds in a clock.
and they are walking past
one...two...three.
by Brooke Taylor Grade 1

The one wish I have for the world is:

that there is no more poverty (Alyssa)
that nothing bad happens to animals (Makena)
that there are no earthquakes (Lainey)
that there is no grafitti and litter (Grace)
for kids not to die (Anna)
that everyone has a home (Olivia M.)
that no one will cut down trees (Hannah)
that everyone would be happy (Anya)
that no animals get hurt (Ella)
that little children are safe (Jillian)
to love the people (Sarah)
no more earthquakes (Marijn)
that no one will kill animals (Olivia C.)
that there is medicine for everyone (Rosie)
that all the animals are safe (Lizu)
that there are no more wars (Charlotte)
for all the animals to not die (Keeley)
that all the animals are safe (Lauren)
that we don't cut down trees (Isabel)
by Kindergarten Girls

...From the Beach

I am sugar and water in a baker's world
White, soft, and perfect
I fall on a brisk muskox's shoulder
A blanket over swift fox tail
As I float, drift, and wander
I am the snow
by Carrie van Cleave Grade 4

Frog

Lime green with black spots
She swims all over the pond
Watch her dart so fast
by Liza Weymar Grade 3

Goldstream

I see …
a beautiful green leaf,
the calm ground,
a ladybug in the little grass
flies into the great big sky.

I hear…
the sound of the wind,
the birds singing to me,
the water meets me in its song of waves.

I smell…
flowers, like roses and cake,
a peaceful nature smell,
clean and fresh and foresty.

I touch…
a small spot in a big world
It makes me think
I'm safe on this planet
in a secret garden.

by: Audrey Vo, Izzy Irvine, Robin Butterfield, Lucy Cockburn, and Maddie Harris
Grade 2

In My Dreams

In my dreams
I am a dragon
Fierce
Strong
Haunting deep forests
The entire night long
My scales dazzle in
the
Moonlight
My claws prepare for a
Fight
Now I can take off
Take flight
To the murky
Faint night.
by Claire Wheaton
Grade 5

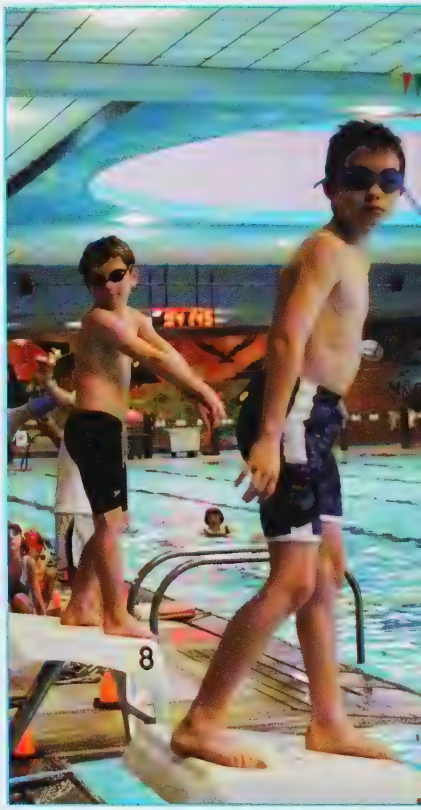
The Dictionary

Every night, the
dictionary eats all
the words in your
brain
so you have more
words
to look up.
by Tara Golonka
Grade 1

Chapter 1
Once upon a time there was a ghost
in a very scary house.
There were holes in the floor.
Chapter 2
The ghost went outside.
Didn't know there was a trap.
He forgot there was a trap,
fell in Bang! He was stuck.
He climbed up. He survived.
He was happy.
Chapter 3
He went home to have dinner.
Fried mice and worms.
Chapter 4
He went to sleep.
The next morning he woke up.
The ghost had breakfast.
Then he went upstairs.
He put on his underwear.
He put on his pants.
He put on his shirt.
He put on his socks.
He put on his shoes.
He got married. He bought a car.
Chapter 7
Now he had a wife. He was so happy.
Chapter 8
Valentines Day was coming up soon.
Chapter 9
He became a store clerk.
Chapter 10
They had a baby sister
Chapter 11
THE END
by Calum Webber-Smith Kindergarten

If I Were An Olympic Athlete...
I want to be a snowboarder when I go in the Olympics. I like snowboarding a lot. It is a good sport. I want to win gold or silver. I know I can win gold. I also know that I will play by the rules.
by Sahaj Grewal Grade 2

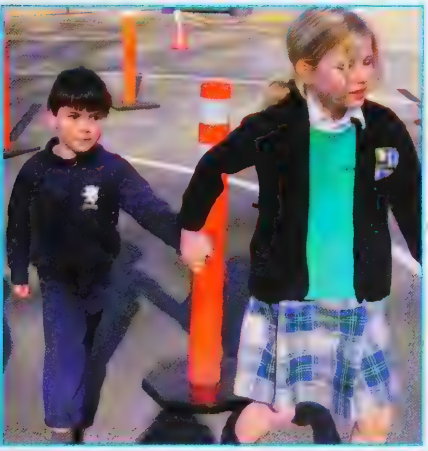
Team Spirit



Go GNS Go!

Keeping Fit

Olympic Fun



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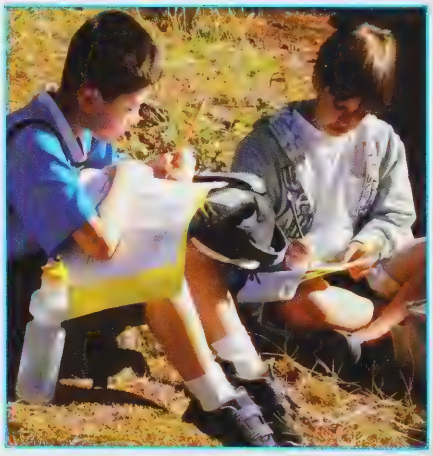

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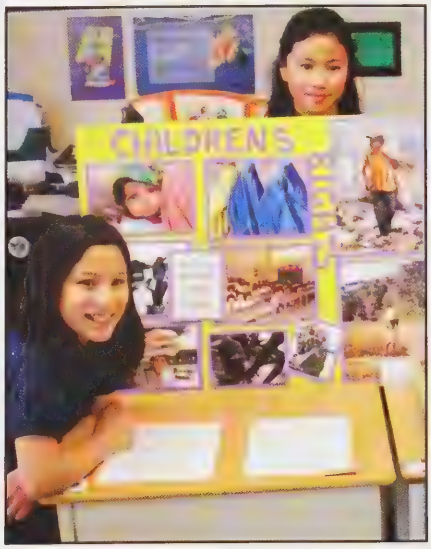

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Mrs Buchanan

Mrs Emmerson

Mdme Farmer

Mrs Fosdick

Mr Fraser

Ms Hawkins

Mrs Illman

Mr. Kiddell

Mrs Kingham

Mr McAllister

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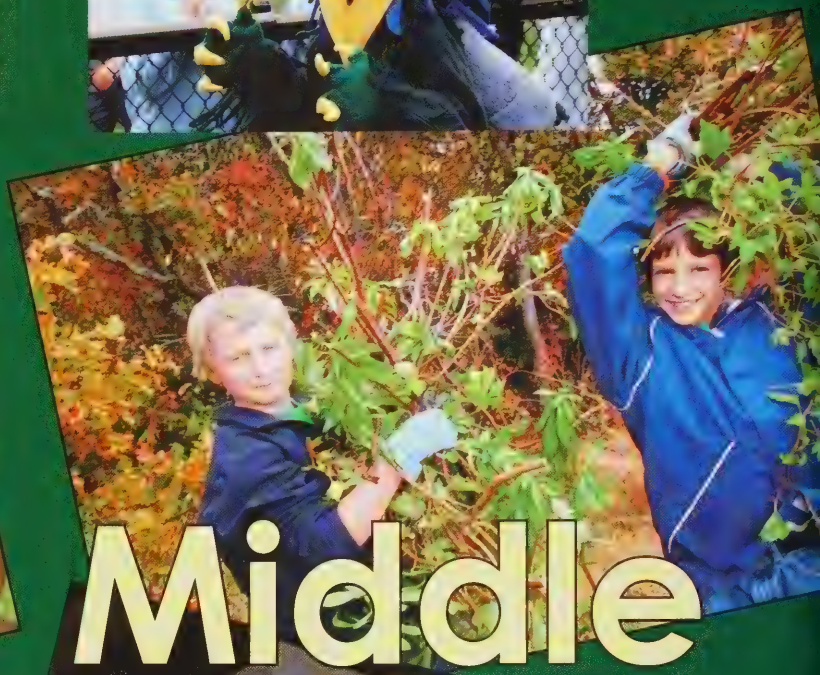
Specialists at Work



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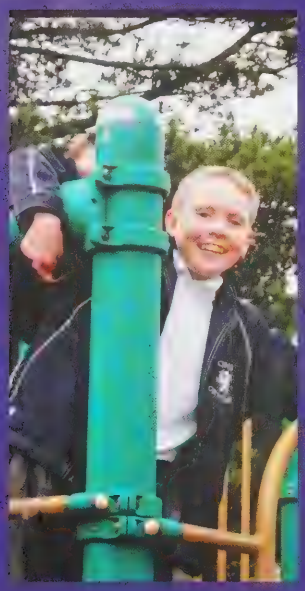

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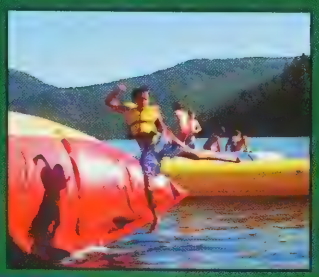

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Trevor Rutherford

Rachel Sawchuk

Jack Shneider

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Megan Thomp-

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Alexandria Bos

Victoria Bouchard

Bailey Brumby

Jiho Choi

Michael Cooper

Holly Djukastein

Geoffrey Harper

Attila Illenyi

Emma Johnson

Brodie Kellow

Aiden Longcroft-Harris

Keaton Ollech

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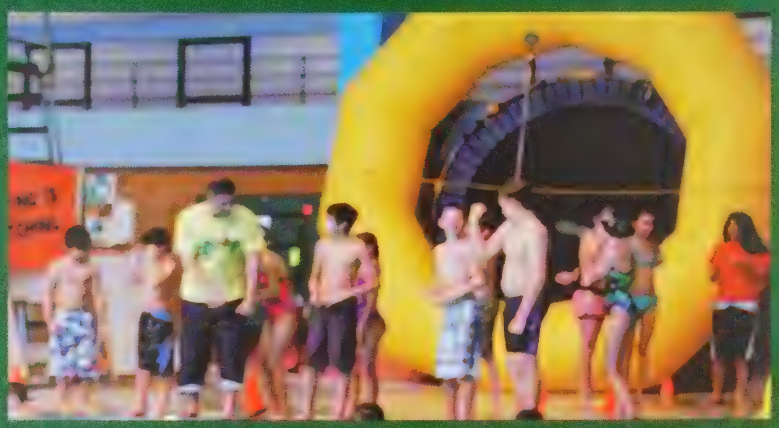

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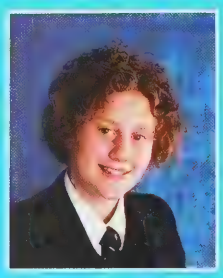

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Natalie Mizzen

Noah Mullin

Laura Norwood

David Pedersen

Caylin Rutherford

Liam Saad-Roy

Kianna Scheel

Lexy Stewart

Ella Van Cleave

Chris Wieczorek

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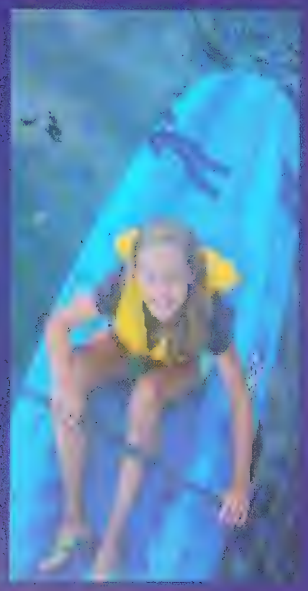

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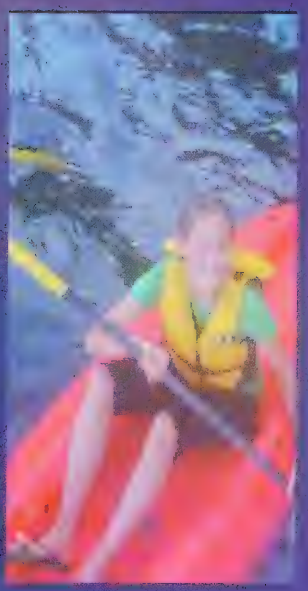

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Austin Wild

Rhys Wynn-Williams

Kim Waugh

Fun Times!

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GRADE 8B

Callum Fehr

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Andrew Hindi

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Eric Lee

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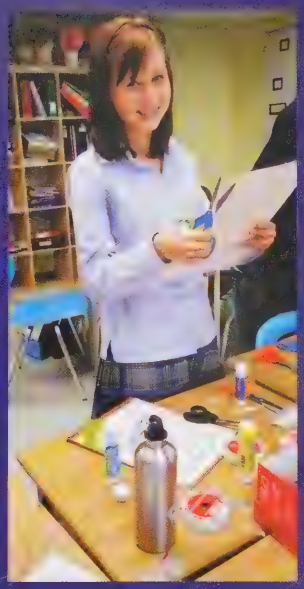

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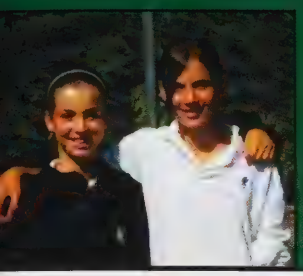

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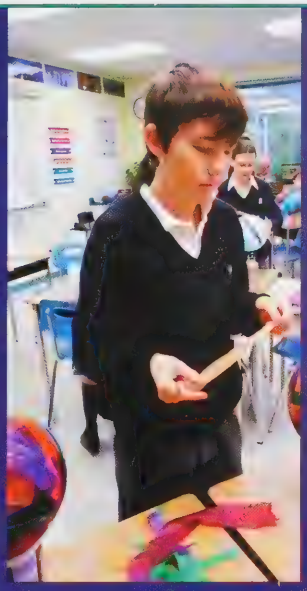

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Carlos Shepard

Thomas Shim

Jackson Sinclair

Jennifer Harvey

GRADE 8M

Lauren Caters

Jamie Charles

Diana Chkipov

Adam Darcy

Oliver Dason

Carmen Dixon

Olivia Hannigan

Ryan Hildebrandt

Matthew Hindi

Harry Holmes

Zoe Hopkins

Molly Hospers

Zachary Klein

Jake McCallum

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Christina Shar

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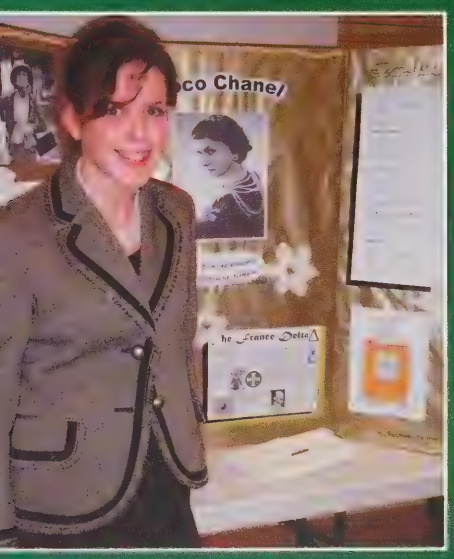
MEDIEVAL FEAST

In French class?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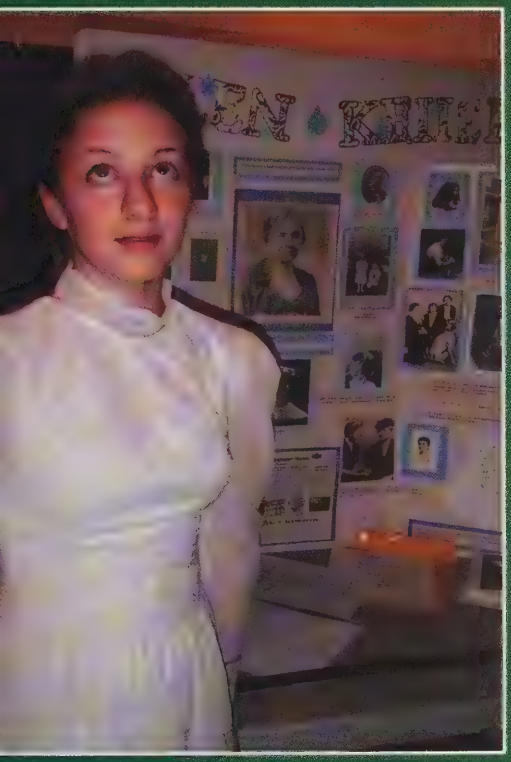
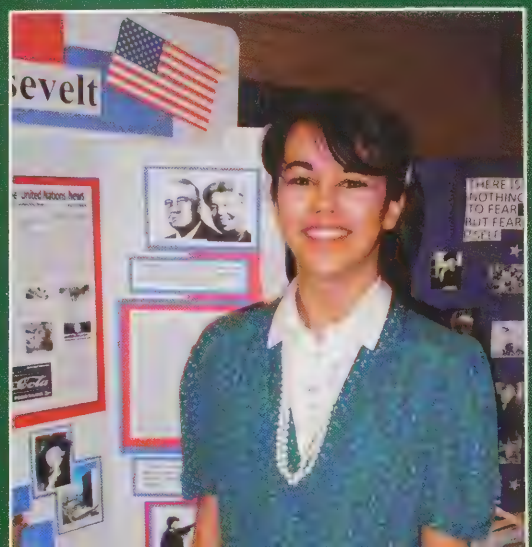




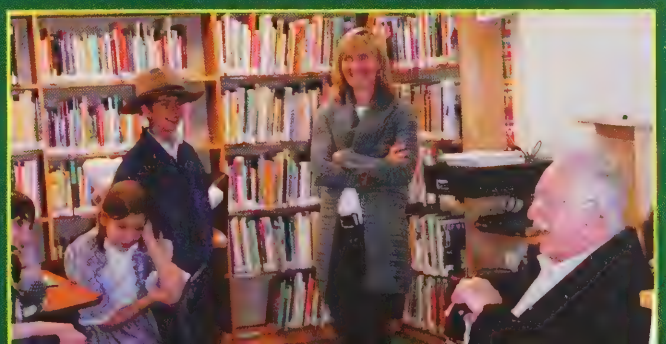
Middle School Life

Middle School Outweek

Terry Fox Run

Halloween!

May Events



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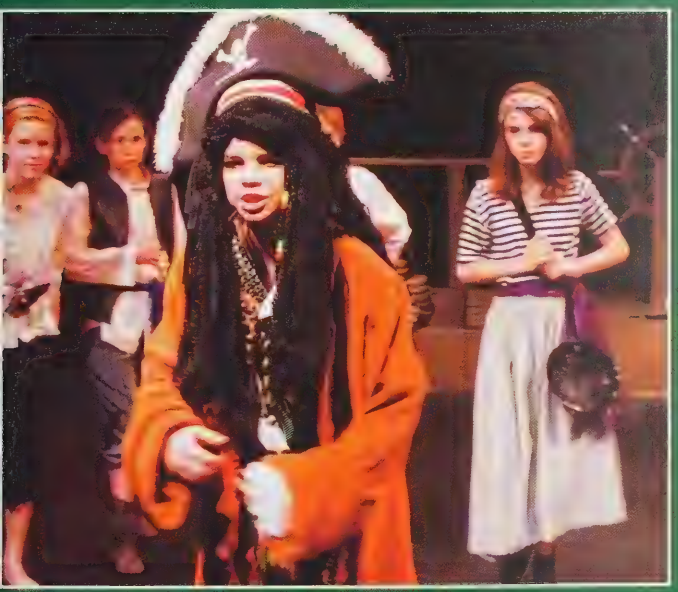

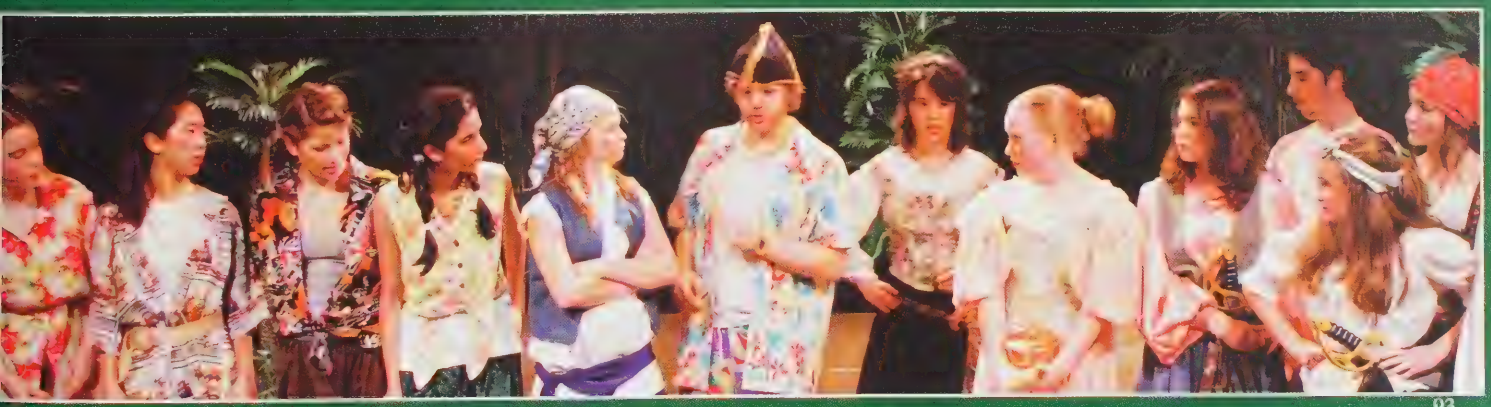

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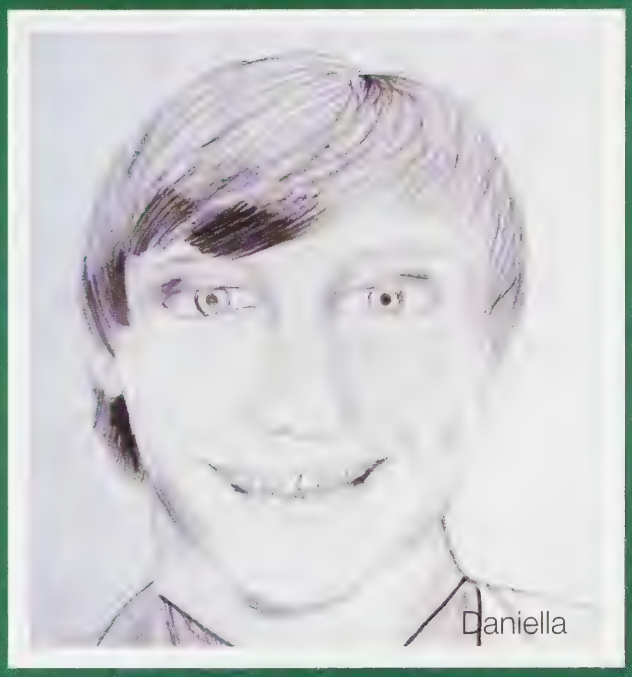

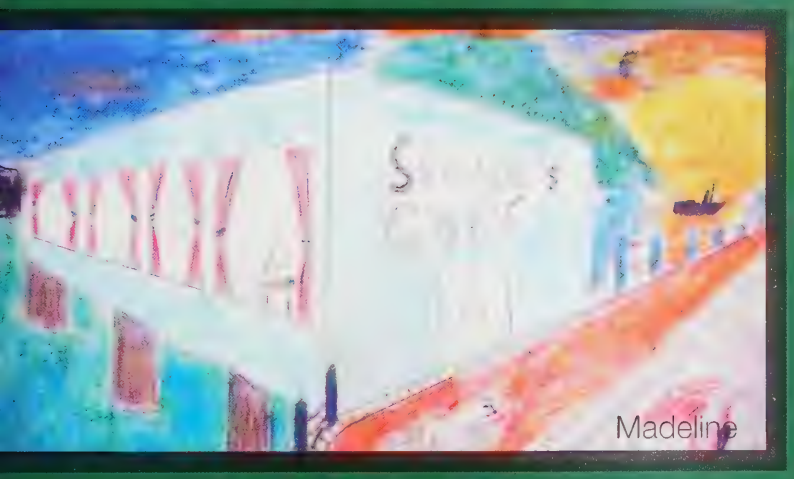

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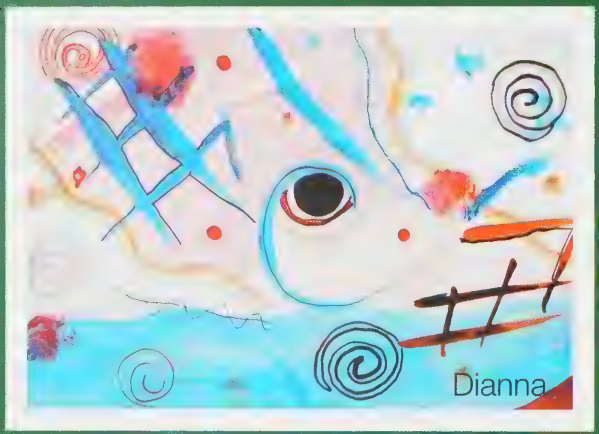
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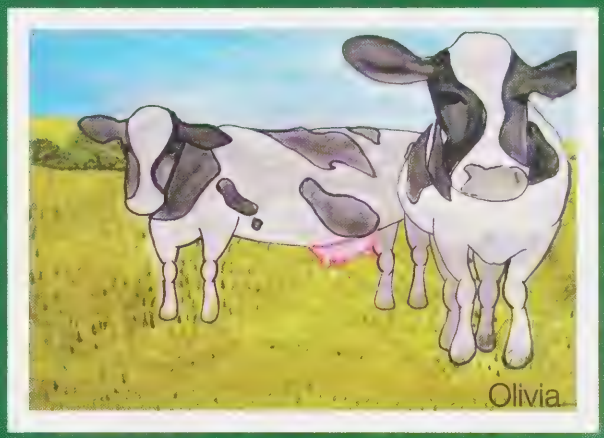

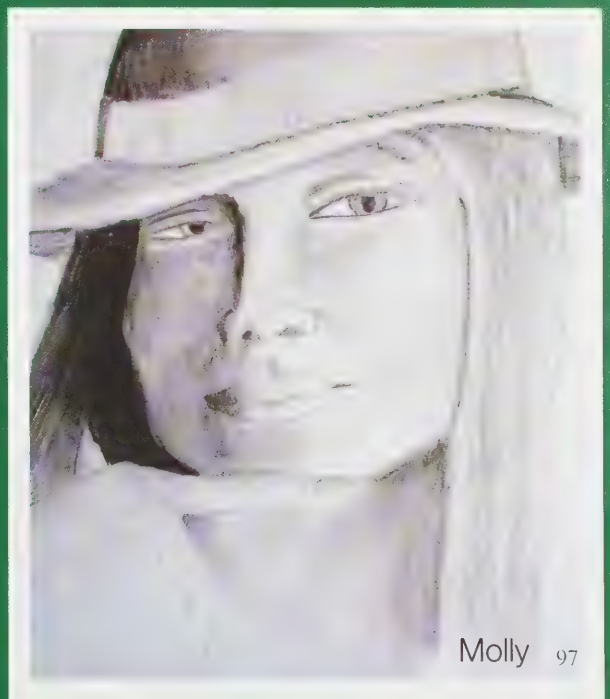

The Grade 8 girls soccer team had a fantastic season! Coached by Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Brice, the girls went undefeated throughout the season. Although the team suffered a late start in the season, they continued to enjoy the beautiful sport and well-earned victories! Throughout the season, the girls showed unmatched enthusiasm and were the very definition of teamwork. Congratulations on another fantastic season!
~Ms. Davidson

Grade 8 Girls Soccer

What a lot of team spirit! All the Grade 6/7 girls where full of enthusiasm throughout their games. The girls where fabulous hosts for the different schools that came to the tournament, and were exited to win several of their games on their new home turf. The Grade 6/7 girls played hard and worked together as a team. The coach, Ms. Davidson, motivated them to do their best. Congratulations on a great season!

Grade 6/7 Girls Soccer

The boys 6/7 soccer team enjoyed a very competitive season. The team was led by a strong core of returning players and also welcomed an excellent group of newcomers who came together and played as a team. We worked hard, displayed excellent sportsmanship and had some strong results, including hard-fought draws versus SMU and Glanford. Congratulations on a fine season, boys!

~Mr. Henry

Grade 6/7 Boys Soccer

The Grade 8 boy's soccer team had a fabulous season. All the boys showed teamwork and dedication at their weekly practices! Coach Pimlott and Assistant Coach Stott encouraged the boys to achieve their best.

Grade 8 Boys Soccer

CAIS U13 Boys soccer was awesome this year! We did not have a tournament this year as it was a bye year but we had lots of fun playing friendly teams. We were abit young this year but that gave us time to cement some solid skills and we are ready for next year! So boys keep training with lots of touches on the ball and show up in September with fire in your hearts!

Boys U-13 CAIS

The Senior Girls recorded a thoroughly impressive victory over AA rivals Lambrick, this afternoon, defeating them 5-0. It is a result that puts the girls atop the league standings, with 5 wins from 5 games, and - astonishingly - 42 goals for and 0 against. More important than the wins, they are playing some of the most attractive, intelligent, soccer any of our Sr Girls' teams have ever played. Hopefully you can come out and be entertained by them at some point!

Girls U-15 Soccer

Middle School Cross- Country

What a fabulous team! All the runners showed a great attitude. Everyone was very supportive of one another. The team had weekly events, and early morning practices; every one of them was committed to the team. They all paced themselves to the finish line, and it paid off in the end. Though it was cold and wet for several of their practices, the team pushed strived through it. Great work team!
~Mme.Baudin & Mr. O'Callaghan

Grade 6-7 Girls Basketball

Grade 8 Boys Basketball

The grade eight boy's basketball team showed incredible improvement throughout the season! Surviving physically tough battles (and Mr. Doerksen and Mr. Brice's coaching), the boys managed to win half of their games! Congratulations on a thrilling season, and good luck with the Jr. team in the senior school!

~Mr. Brice and Mr. Doerksen

Grade 7 Boys Basketball

With help from their coach, Mr. Blake, the boys won many games! Although they didn't make the playoffs, there was great teamwork. Many experienced players helped the novice players improve on their basketball skills. One of the most memorable moments this season was coming back in the game with Central to win by a good margin. Mr. Blake says: "Thanks for your hard work and good luck as you continue in your basketball pursuits, boys!"

~Mr. Blake

Grade 7-8 Girls Basketball

Grade 6 Boys Basketball

It was a fantastic season for the Grade 6 boys this year. We had a great number of boys come out and improve their basketball skills. Right from the start, there was strong leadership and a solid amount of talent. From the first game on, we battled hard and defeated every opponent in our way. I would like to thank all the players for a great level of dedication and a lot of hard work. This was a fun year to play basketball! ~Mr. Ollech

Girls 6/7 Volleyball

Girls 8 Volleyball

Girls 6-7 Volleyball saw an improving team that ended the season with a positive win ratio overall. We did not get to play in any tournament but next year promises to be even better since as beginners we made a few silly mistakes and will know better next time. Our best memory is when we hit the ball three times on our side of the court and won the point! Thanks for your enthusiasm, hard work and for staying positive throughout girls. ~Mr. Blake

Grade 6-7 Rugby

What a great team! The 6-7 boys bring enthusiasm, and work very hard to improve their growing rugby skills. The team has had good results, one win and one tie. Mr. Henry is looking forward to seeing many of the returning players next year! ~Mr. Henry

Grade 7-8 Rugby

Track and Field

Field Hockey

Grade 6-8 Swimming

We are awesome! #1 in the Victoria Championship Swim Meet! Students showed a willingness to try new things and a dedication to attending practices. We were made stronger by encouraging each othe and witnessed a wicked win by the boys medley relay team. thank you foryour keen and positive energy and your great sense of team work! Ms. Harvey

Night League 6

Grade 6-8 Badminton

Middle school Badminton hosted quite a few play days with amazing participation again this year. What a great team!

Prefects

The Prefects and Student Council were a dedicated bunch who have shown integrity caring and wonderful leadership in the middle school. They led school assemblies by giving readings and also helped out with parent teacher interviews. They were always available to give parents tours during our open house events and they also took a lead with helping out in the cafeteria. They can look back on some great memories of Prefect luncheons at Barb's Fish and Chips and at Milestones. We wish them all the best as they use their leadership skills in the Senior School.

Student Council

The Yearbook team is made up of talented young students who were willing to work from October until June compiling all the great photo of the year into a cohesive and entertaining book you will keep forever.

Yearbook

Spelling Bee

Art Club is an open club of artistic students who enjoy creating projects at lunch-time. This year we did a giant mural based on Victoria artist Ted Harrison's paintings of the Yukon. We smile thinking about Rachael's Walt Disney painting and remembering glass jewelry and Beanie babies!!! It has been so much fun working with some of the most creative people in our school every week. I will miss you all!!

Art Club

Round Square

The Junior Round Square is an active group of Middle School students who met weekly to talk about local and global issues. This year the committee did its best to further the IDEALS of The Round Square organization in meaningful ways.

We began the year with sending 6 students to the "Me to We" conference held in Vancouver. The delegates came back excited, energized, and ready to make a difference. We invited a representative from the Free The Children organization to help us develop our mission statement.Highlights this year have been:

- Participating in Halloween for Hunger
- Organizing an alternate transport day
- Raising Money for the Brick by Brick campaign
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Mrs Crossley would like to thank all students who participated in Junior Round Square this year. She would particularly like to thank Alex Loughton and Jyotish Khanna for their excellent leadership as our Junior Round Square representatives.

Animation Club

Debate Club

Middle School Debate club has had a full season! We helped out with the Provincial Mock Trials and were debate moderators with both the Island Debate Tournament and for the National Debate Tournament. One great memory is from the Provincial Debates where we snagged the Law Foundation Cup. Also the golden Gnome, Regional and UBC debates were especially memorable. I look forward to next year and even greater enthusiasm and involvement!

Concert Choir

The Middle School Concert Choir had students from Choir 7/8, Band & Choir 7/8, and Extra Curricular Choir 6/7/8. Our full list included 52 Middle School Students and enabled the choir to present full three part music throughout the year. The "dedicated" choir of students in Choir 7/8 had 24 students and were also able to perform three part music due to their excellent attitude in rehearsals. The Middle School Band and Choir travelled to Duncan, Chemainus and Nanaimo on their day trip and had a great time performing "Disney Movie Magic" for Queen Margaret's School and Chemainus Elementary. Cosmic Bowling at Splitsville was a highlight of the trip!

Concert Band

The Band Program at the Middle School has had another busy year. In the fall were honoured to perform at the memorial service for our 'amazing' Mr. Graham. December brought the festivities of the Winter Wonderland Concert. In the new year, we worked hard on our festival pieces and performed them for our parents at Alix Goolden Hall. The Grade 7 & 8 Concert Band and Jazz Band travelled to Queen Margaret's School in Duncan and Chemainus Community Elementary School to perform. We ended the day with 'glow bowling' and a pizza party in Nanaimo! The jazz band ended the year with a great performance at Hermann's Jazz Club. "LET'S GO BAND!"

Our Star

Inquiring Bokyoung Kim Gr. 6
While Bokyoung embodies all aspects of the IB learner profile, it is her inquiring nature that really shines. She is excited about learning and has asked many questions along the way while learning our Yearbook applications. In addition to this, she is also exemplary of our school motto- doing your best through truth and courage.

Knowledgeable Chrissie Timbers Gr. 8
Chrissie has a wealth of knowledge to draw uponand is happy to share it with others. She is a kindhearted, wonderful friend to all as well as a talented athlete and a dramatic artist. She is an excellent role model for her peers.

Thinking Gwen James Gr. 8
Gwen has many attributes but I believe that "thinker" is her strongest. She applies critical thinking to all class discussions and assignments and her assignments are always creative and slightly outside of the box.

Communicative Rachael Keighan Gr. 8:
Rachael is driven to express herself in visual images, producing one after another each better than the last. She is a leader in her class and in Art Club and enjoys the friendship and admiration of all.

Principled Learner Adam Kwasny Gr. 8
Adam is a perfect example of a principled learner. New to the school this year he made it his goal to become involved in many aspects of life at GNS. He joined Round Square and several sports teams. He also readily volunteers to share his work and ideas with others on in class.

IB Learners

Open-Minded Nicholas Higgins Gr. 6
Nicholas is a very "open-minded" student. He has demonstrated this with his work in Junior Round Square this year. He is able to appreciate other cultures and has often considered the traditions and values of other communities during Round Square discussions and decision-making.

Caring
Liam Sadd-Roy Gr. 7
During Outweek, Liam got up in the middle of the night to journey through the dark to get a teacher to help his classmate who was feeling ill. He can regularly be seen inviting others to join in activities or to work in his group!

Risk Taker Austin Wild Gr. 7
Austin took a huge risk by speaking publicly about Autism to the whole middle school during an assembly. Austin's honesty and courage was evident and his message was well received by the audience. He took an enormous risk, and it certainly paid off!

Balanced Annabel Thornton Gr. 8
Annabel exemplifies balance. She is involved in student leadership, debate, Round Square and sports and manages to balance this with maintaining good relationships with her peers and academically doing her best work.

Reflective Nicola Champoux Gr. 8
Nicola is a "reflector" student. She makes sure that she fully understands her assignments and clearly can articulate what her strengths and weaknesses are as a learner. She asks questions and seeks clarity to improve upon her weaknesses.

Middle School

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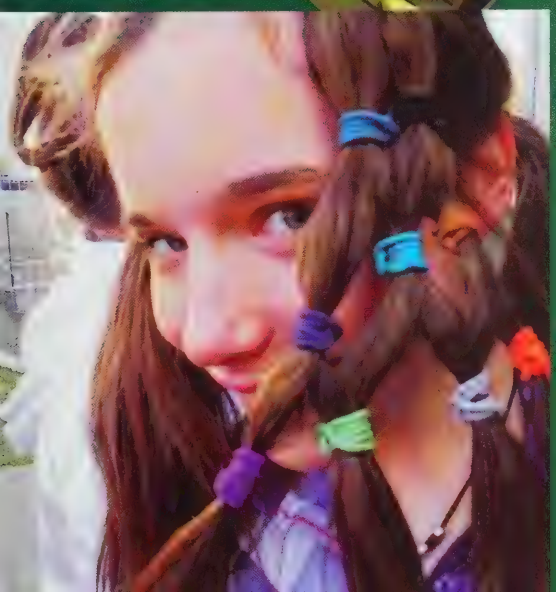


In Celebration of David Graham

Address given by Simon Bruce-Lockhart at Timothy Eaton Church, October 16, 2009

David Graham was my very good friend. That doesn't exactly make me unique in this gathering, nor did it make me stand out amongst the approximately 1,000 people who attended the celebration of his life in Victoria last Friday. Therein lies the truth of David. He had an extraordinary capacity to touch people—and it was not something he worked at; it just happened as a natural result of who he was.

David and Jill moved to British Columbia eight years ago. In that time, his impact was such that 1,000 people came out to his celebration of life, to say nothing of the bald eagle also in attendance. They came from West-Mont School, where David had been principal; they came from the Island Swim Club, where David had been on the Board; they came from Germany and Ontario, and from the two neighbourhoods that the Grahams were a part of; and they came from Glenlyon Norfolk School, where David had been the beloved principal of the Middle School.

Beloved is a powerful word, and I do not use it lightly. Some teachers are tolerated; some are respected; some are admired; some are loved; and a few—very few—are beloved

I said a moment ago that David touched people as a natural result of who he was. He exemplified the best in us, always, and —in so doing—he made us strive to be better. Let me try and illustrate what I mean.

- We all smile: David always smiled.
- We are all positive at times: David was positive all the time.
- We all have moments of modesty: David was modest, period.
- We all have energetic periods: David was perpetually in motion.
- We all are occasionally guileless; David was incapable of being anything but guileless.
- We all put others in front of ourselves from time to time: David put others in front of himself even when he was completely dependent upon them for everything in his daily living.
- We all have the ability to make some people feel better about themselves sometimes: David had the ability and habit of making everyone feel better about themselves whenever he was with them.

David was an extraordinary man because his virtues went clear through him—they were him day in and day out. What is episodic in us is just who he was. That is why he made such an impression on us. You couldn't be in David's company without being reminded of your better self, and you couldn't leave his company without having been inspired to call upon that better self a little more often. And you felt good about that!

There was a purity about David that is incredibly rare, and a natural grace that shone through everything he did, and touched everyone around him. He loved quotes. I doubt he even ever heard this next one, but it is one of my favourites, and it speaks to me very clearly of David. It comes from a song by Jane Mortifee:

"To want what I have; to take what I'm given with grace." That exemplifies David for as long as I have known him, but it particularly exemplifies the last 15 months. David certainly didn't want cancer, but he did want and did appreciate hugely the love and support of his family and friends. "To take what I'm given with grace." He accepted his cancer with grace—which is not to say that he didn't fight it—but he never reacted to it with bitterness or self-pity. He continued to care for those around him and continued to see himself as lucky to have time with his family.

When Glenlyon Norfolk set out to hire a principal for the Middle School five years ago, we were looking for a pied piper,

"Dave was an amazing guy. Everyone always says he's soooo nice, he's always smiling, which, of course, he is! But then, we're playing ball hockey, and all of a sudden you feel a stick at the back of your knees. You turn around and there's Dave with a big smile on his face. Two minutes later, you feel a slash in your shins—boom! And there's Dave, always with a big smile on his face, saying 'Oh, I'm so sorry!' He played it tough. He loved winning, but he was always the first one to shake hands, win or lose. He was the first guy to acknowledge the guys on the team who weren't the best and praise them for their contribution."

David Latimer, David's friend

someone who would enchant children and lead them, not to a cave, of course, but to a world full of endless possibilities – the world that Calvin and Hobbes are going out to explore in David's favourite cartoon. And we found that pied piper in David. He enchanted not only children, but teachers and parents. GNS is a values driven school, and that suited David to a T. Amongst his many innovations in the Middle School was the creation of themes for the year: Caring is Catching; The Power of One; One Degree More; and Be the Change. It took me a while to realize it, but each of those themes was simply an extension of David himself, which is why they were so effective. His first—"Caring is Catching"—is not something that every new principal could persuade one hundred and seventy 11 to 14 year olds about, but David, the ultimate athlete and ultimate geek simultaneously, convinced them not only that it was true, but to live it.

Late last year, the Middle School put together a book for David, recollections and thoughts from staff and students. I'd like to share one, from Leonard Butt, our school counselor, because it demonstrates so powerfully and beautifully the impact David had on our school. Leonard wrote:

You remind me:

- how to play
- the importance of fostering a light spirit
- the joy of contact
- the courage it takes to be open, to be vulnerable, to be receptive
- the reciprocal nature of giving—its contagious quality
- the inherent wisdom of trusting our impulses when they come from the right place
- the importance of sustaining our curiosity
- that love doesn't have to be reserved for special people or special circumstances
- how to believe in the power of one individual to make a profound impact
- that answers and solutions come when we listen the right way, hearing the heart's rhythm rather than the brain's chatter

I miss having you around to remind me of these things, but sometimes I remember them all by myself.

I'd like to share one story with you about David that very few people know about—apart from the 1,000 I shared it with last Friday! A week or so after he collapsed, the Middle School held its annual Grade 8 dinner. This was the first class that had been under David's leadership all the way through the Middle School and both my son and David's Patrick were members of the class. David was very eager to attend, despite his precarious health—and I said I would pick him up, take him, and then bring him home. I called him just before setting out, and he told me that he had decided not to go. When I asked him why, he immediately replied "Because if I go, it will be all about me, and it has to be all about them." That selflessness exemplified David and would be seen again and again. And it was not an act of ego—David was a truly modest man—it was an act of understanding and generosity.

> "My son and I were talking when he went to bed last night, and we agreed that David would be fast-tracked to heaven. He said that in the Egyptian times, they weighed the heart and set tasks for people who leave this world for the next, but—and I quote—'I think that they would just send a taxi for Mr. Graham.'"
>
> *Anonymous, Parent of a Grade 6 GNS Student*

Each of us is extraordinarily lucky that David was in our lives because his generosity, modesty, grace, guilelessness, energy, positivity, compassion, strength, courage—and beauty—and the constancy of all those qualities—have inspired us all to be better people.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we need to be thankful for the life and gifts of David Graham, and we need to thank him for what he has meant and still means to us. Last week, on the shores of Oak Bay, I asked the thousand people to shout their thanks, and they did—resoundingly! That would be inappropriate here, so I will end by simply saying, quietly, "Thank you, David."

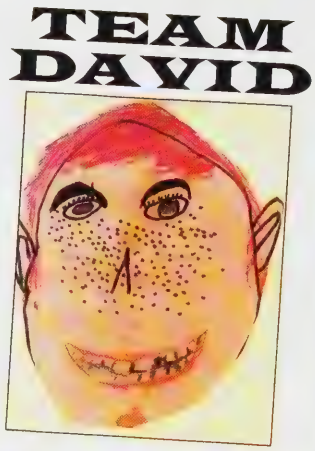
Best Ever! Wow, Fantastic, Super, Amazing, Great!

Super Dave Top Eleven List of How to be a Professional Educator and a Wonderful Human Being

#11 Family is everything so make your family part of everything.

"David's family was incredibly important to him. Jill, Patrick, Cameron, Christopher, he loved them and loved spending time with them. If any of the kids were part of something at the school, the whole family supported each of them. David took real pride in his children. Of course, he spent too much time at work. But he always loved being with his family."

– Rob Kiddell, Principal of the Junior School



#10 Always make time for friends.

"Even when Dave and the family moved out to Victoria, he would fly out to Toronto for the weekends to see his friends. One year, we had a Christmas get-together that he said he couldn't come to. We were all having dinner, and one guy said, 'Jeez, that waiter looks a lot like Dave Graham.' When the waiter came out again, we all looked over, and sure enough, it was Dave! He didn't just show up at the restaurant and sit down; he convinced the restaurant staff to let him pretend he was a waiter to surprise us! He always made you feel like his best friend."

– David Latimer, David's friend

#8 Be competitive.

"I will always remember that late spring morning when Mr. Graham was in the earlier stages of his cancer. Me, the Graham family and many other friends gathered in the Gudewill Gym to play what would be an epic game of floor hockey. Mr. Graham's UCC mindset kept everyone on their toes. He fired up the floor, winning the ball, and then passing it tape to tape. He was both offensive and defensive, he was sportsmanlike and competitive. His perfect balance of these two worlds kept the game alive, and hope alive."

– Rab Bruce-Lockhart, Grade 10 student

#9 Plan ahead.

"Regarding David Graham, 'Plan Ahead' is a paradox. His brilliance and creativity flowed in the moment of the given situation. Planning too far in advance stifled his imagination. While camping with 45 Grade 6 students on Sidney Spit, a spring rain storm rolled in, and the deluge began. The park warden, all in a great fuss, began giving suggestions to evacuate the beach to find comfortable shelter. Without any pre-planned rainy day contingency, David gathered the troops. He had a better idea: a sand castle building contest with first prize going to the castle with the best moat (to accommodate the rain). The activity was a huge success, and a highlight of the trip for many of the students. In fact, it became a staple activity for future years' trips. David lived in the moment, for the moment. He 'planned ahead' by living life to the fullest by drawing on his past life experiences."

#7 No is not an answer.

"Giving up seemed to be the inevitable solution when what I had been striving for crashed around me. I was about to finish my Grade 7 year, and I had just lost the position of Middle School Head Girl. I was devastated. Mr. Graham showed me that we are more than our successes; it is how we handle failure that determines our character. He gave me the perfect opportunity to move on: transforming the weekly newsletter into The Middle School Scoop. He taught me so much in that simple act of kindness: dedication, optimism, commitment, and persistence, to name a few. He taught me that setbacks happen; we have to be humble and move on. But you have to keep on going, in order to get anywhere. Stopping won't do you any good."

– Madeleine Taylor, Grade 11 student

#6 Keep active.

"Mr. Graham was always on the go! Whether it was sports, his family, or generally keeping fit. He continued to ride his bike to sports events, even when he was no longer able to drive. He was determined to support his family at all times. He joined in the Jingle Bell Jog at the Junior Campus, encouraging everyone along the way. Mr. Graham attended as many sports meets as possible both inside the GNS community and outside at Island Swimming. He was actively involved with Ice Hockey and was an excellent rower. I will miss his active, happy spirit, but I have learned a lot from him."

– Danny de Clare, Grade 7 student

#5 Have a slogan.

"Amongst his many innovations in the Middle School—with the gummie bear and Gryphon awards—was the creation of themes for the year: Caring is Catching; The Power of One; One Degree More; and Be the Change. It took me a while to realize it, but each of those themes was simply an extension of David himself, which is why they were so effective."

– Simon Bruce-Lockhart, Head of School

#4 Be positive.

"Dave was the best example of an altruistic person that I've ever known. He was always the first to congratulate the accomplishments of others and to acknowledge their efforts."

– Suzy Silvester, Island Swimming

#3 Always have hope.

"One day when I was in Grade 1, I heard that our principal Mr. Graham was going to be the coach of our cross-country team. I was at my first practice, running along keeping a steady pace, ahead of Mr. Graham. When I crossed the finish line, I threw my hands up in victory, because I knew I had beaten the fastest runner in the entire school. The truth is, I was dead last and slow as molasses in January, but Mr. Graham ran behind me the whole time, in his dress shirt and tie, encouraging me, cheering me on and making sure I felt like I was accomplishing something very special."

– Cati Landry, former GNS and West-Mont School student

#2 I'm in charge!

"In David's late days, I told him I was working on this top 11 list. I explained a few things I had put on the list, and he looked up at me and said: 'I'm in charge.' That statement sort of came out of nowhere, but I've thought about it a tremendous amount since I left that afternoon. Being in charge is something I've never really associated with David. We tend to associate being in charge with arrogance or ego, things we never, ever see in David. The thing is, he was in charge. As a leader, he gave all his power to everybody else. But what that meant is that everybody gave all their energy and power back to him."

– Rob Kiddell, Principal of the Junior School

#1 Make it fun!

"At his very first closing, David, wanting to end the school year with a laugh, went off stage in his full academic regalia and rode his mountain bike up onto the stage and across it, nearly crashing into the awards table, with his black robes billowing out behind him! Nobody really understood what he was doing, but it ended the ceremonies with a very memorable moment that made us smile as we shook our heads."

– Jean Bigelow, Acting Principal of the Middle School

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Grade 9

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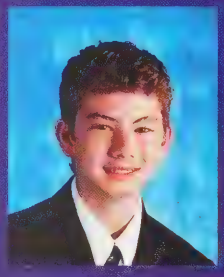
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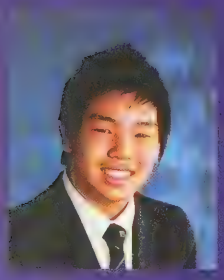
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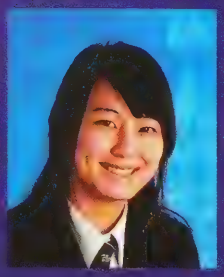
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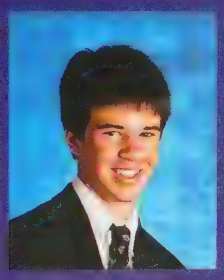

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Rubber Tipped Arrows – Reflections on the important lessons learned in the moments and minutes spent with Drew

Julie Bedell

As a mother and teacher, I always liked the idea that parents are the archer, teachers are the bow guided by the archer, and together we send our children—that arrow—on a course of adventure called "life." One might expect and hope that the arrow flies straight, like many children's lives, but still on a path all their own. Well, not all arrows fly quite so straight, and indeed if you're lucky enough, and I truly mean lucky enough, you'll get to experience life alongside a child whose arrow is on a much different journey. Indeed, Andrew Sean Paone's arrow had a bouncy ball attached to the end and was let go in a rubber room. That arrow, his life, had us laughing when it hit our funny bone, ducking when we didn't know what was coming next, dropping our jaw with his many accomplishments, nailing us in the keester when he wanted us to do something, scratching our heads when he left us speechless...but always settling in our hearts. Thank goodness for rubber tipped arrows.

To understand Drew's gifts, especially to those of you who didn't know Drew well, I must first explain my relationship with him. To begin with, he insisted he was "Drew" to me, and while Andrew to others, it is as "Drew" I fondly refer to him.

I remember clearly the first time Drew and I spoke to each other. Or perhaps spoke isn't the correct term as no words were exchanged between us. I was receptionist at the time in the Middle School and was standing at a filing cabinet, when this young blur of a man flew into my office, plunked himself down on MY chair behind MY desk, and picked up the phone to call home. I could only stand there blinking. The message was short: "Dad, it's early dismissal, and I need you to pick me up NOW...no Dad, I need to be picked up NOW." He then put the phone down and was out of my office without eye contact or any word to me. I think I was able to mumble "good-bye Drew" probably long after he'd made his escape. I still smile when I think of how he left me there stunned, wondering if I had even imagined the whole thing, it happened so quickly—in a brief—moment—of time.

Well, the next time he showed up in my office to use the phone, I was ready for him, AND I was sitting in my chair at the time. He mumbled he needed the phone. I said, "Drew, you are welcome to use my phone, but you have to say 'please.'" He then did a sideways grin and said "pleeeeeeease," and I said, "yeeeeeeeees." He caught on quickly and pushed for more..."Ahem...could I sit in your chair 'pleeeeeease?'" Well, what

could I do? This boy with a cheeky smile and wonderful quirky way about him had won my heart. From that moment on, I would always get out of my chair for him after a few grins and crazy words. It was the beginning of our fun together, sharing those little moments, just the two of us, in a busy day.

Later on, Drew and I became closer when I was Drew's support teacher. I was fortunate enough to see him for an hour each day, many times two hours or more as we would often share lunch together. By "share," I mean Drew's lunch was done, and he would talk me out of half of mine. I remember one time when I had nachos—our favourite. Drew had an infected finger, and I said "Drew, stick to your side of the plate with that finger," and he said, "Ahhh, so you mean if I were to put my finger on your side like this...they'd all be mine." Yes, he got more than half that day. You get the idea. We were a captive audience to each other. We learned to communicate in an enjoyable way that's different from the regular path of an arrow.

It's funny to think of me as Drew's teacher; really, I laugh at this. I think it was more a relationship where I was Drew's student, and he did most of the teaching, telling or instructing, all with a half smile, quick word, and sideways look. Indeed, I could walk into my room and once again find Drew sitting behind MY desk in MY chair and look at me with innocence when I asked to have my seat back, wondering why I couldn't just take one of the other less comfortable seats in the room, then laugh and move to another chair close by. You see, this closeness was very important and strategic on his part if he were to convince me to stray from my work and get caught up in his most recent artistic project on his laptop. This should bring a smile to many faces because anyone who knew Drew knew one of his big loves was to do "voiceovers" for anime shows, and he was a gifted artist as well. No matter my mood or workload, Drew insisted I take a moment to see his latest work, and I was always glad I did.

I read recently the quote "sometimes you get to say goodbye to people, sometimes you don't. It's why you have to be good to people." Well, Drew and I were good to each other. We got it right.

My relationship with Drew is summed up in those moments and minutes. By summed up, I don't mean that it's a casual figure you can easily add up in your head, but an ongoing sum of moments and minutes where Drew would breeze in with a joke of the day, or borrow my laptop cord, or grab my snacks with a grin, or his cheeky "uhhhh... ya right, well Ms. B...you know where I'll be" when he was off to the computer lab. This was a running joke with us. Drew expected me to "hold down the fort" while he was away from my room, and I'm flattered he thought I was the person for the job. Sometimes I'd say, "Sure Drew, because I'm also sure you have that English essay completed." He would say "yaaaa right...let's go with that one." Truly, it's in those moments and minutes that Drew gave me the most important "gift"—the "gift" of knowing that in life there is time to still seize those moments for a shared joke or smile, without letting our other responsibilities get away from us.

I often ask my students to give me a picture or piece of artwork to display in my room. Drew wasn't so sure about having his artwork displayed; in fact, he never bragged about a single moment outside of our four walls, and it was only through his parents that I learned how accomplished he was in so many other endeavours. His joy at school was in the showing of his art, running commentary in his character voice, and the whole "live" showing by Drew. He never failed to make us laugh. My dear Drew would also never let up if I missed the joke. He would patiently explain to me why I should laugh and wait for me to get it. Bless his heart because sometimes my yu-gi-oh knowledge was sadly lacking and I needed a lot of help. What a gift it is to be able to brighten the days of others!

So, as creative and talented as he was, in my room I will put up a picture of Drew himself, a creation beyond any artist's best work, and be reminded of his gift to me of what life is really about. I'm forever grateful to Drew for teaching me it's ok to steal moments of joy in a busy life, and while I've been blessed with more days on earth than Drew, it will take me many more moments and minutes to catch up to him. Drew's most important gift to us all is that we should try to do just that.

To Drew's wonderful family, I must thank you for the greatest honour ever asked of me: being able to speak these words about our boy. I know if he could, Drew would want you to understand EACH day of his life was the best it could be—because he was blessed with a family who knew how to support and love such a unique son and brother. Although not as many days as we wanted, it's because he had such a special family that he was able to enjoy EVERY one of his days to the fullest. And in return, Andrew Sean Paone has left us and this world a better place because he was in it and taught us so much through the summation of shared minutes and moments.

If Drew could say to me one more time "uhhhh...ya right, well... Ms. B. you know where I'll be," I would say, "Yes, Drew, I know where you'll be, where you've always been." That rubber tipped arrow landed right here in our hearts.

On Children

by Kahlil Gibran

Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.
They come through you but not from you,
And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.
You may strive to be like them,
but seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children
as living arrows are sent forth.
The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,
and He bends you with His might
that His arrows may go swift and far.
Let our bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;
For even as He loves the arrow that flies,
so He loves also the bow that is stable.

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Jr Boys Socce

This year the junior boys experienced a tumultuous, yet inspiring season. From the outset, the odds were certainly stacked against the GNS Junior Boys. After the end of tryouts, the team was roughly made up of half grade tens, half grade nines, and two eighth grade students. In comparison to the other large schools in the city, whose junior teams were made up of almost exclusively grade tens, GNS certainly did not have size, speed or experience as an advantage. With this in mind, the junior boys prepared for the season opener, at home against St. Andrews. Conceding early, GNS fought hard towards the end of the first half with a beautiful shot from Mattias Murray-Hemphill, and a ball directed in off a corner kick, to put GNS ahead 2-1. however late in the second half GNS conceded twice, putting the final score at 3-2 for St. Andrews. This was a disappointing result for the boys, feeling robbed of theirs brilliant efforts for the majority of the match. GNS carried themselves with dignity and purpose into their next match, with the focus on garnering a win. The next match was in fact, within a tournament, the junior ISA championships, hosted by SMUS. The GNS junior boys had won the first ever soccer ISA championship for the school! Despite having the odds stacked against, and with star midfielder Mattias Murray-Hemphill injured for the whole tournament, GNS had pulled off what many may have thought impossible. Through the sheer will to win, and the overwhelming heart these boys had, no team could have stopped them that day in the ISA finals. The boys carried on through the rest of the season against double and triple 'A' schools, and fighting hard. Although many matches GNS suffered heartbreak late into the second half, the Junior boys had put forth a valiant effort, and had a wonderful season.

Back Row: Won Jun Jeong, Caleb Meyer, Will Anderson, Colten Newnhan David Denhoff, Eamon Lewis, Elliot Lupini, Alex Flynn, Nick Walker. Front Row: Hamish Ballantyne, Dale Hughes, Munesu Denya, Nick Grundmann, Philip Kim, Thomas Sercombe, Mattias Murray-Hemphill

Girls Volleyball

This year's team was a young and inexperienced one. The veterans who had been with the team for some time, looked at the beginning of the season and had very little in terms of expectations. A team is only as good as its weakest link, and with players who have never played before it can come unraveled very quickly. So it was a surprise to all of them when we started the season with a remarkable 3rd place finish at the Gulf Islands Secondary Invitational – all of a sudden the quickly learning of the rookies was buoying the whole team. The VIU tournament, a giant 48 team one in Nanaimo was meant to be a learning experience. Yet the team found itself in the Gold pool which represented the best 16 teams there, with A, AA, AAA and AAAA participating! This is the second year in a row that the GNS team has captured the Island Championship and earned the only berth to the Provincials from the Island. Assistant Coach, Veryan Wolsak and I are proud of the work they have done and are pumped for the potential that exists for the future! They were a fun group of girls to spend time with and to coach and we will certainly miss the seniors!

Back Row: Mr. Khanna, Samantha Radford, Ellie Sercombe, Fiona Mathieson, Issy Bodnar, Farrah Newnham. Front Row: Katie Robertson, Kimmy Davis, Vicky Slegg, Elizabeth Davis

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Golf tryouts at GNS happened shortly after Spring Break finished. There were only 6 who tried out this year, but there was great depth and experience among our group of athletes. Once the team was paired down, the season started to take shape. We were entered in a number of tournaments in Victoria and on the Island. We were hosted by Mark Isfeld Highschool in Courtenay and managed to come third in a field of AAA sized schools. In the Cedar Community School Invitational hosted at Cottonwood GC in Nanaimo, we won by quite a margin. Brendan Connell posted a score of one under par to take second low gross. We were fifth in the Police tournament hosted at Gorge Vale and Olympic View, third in the city tournment hosted at a wet and cold Glen Meadows course, tied for second in the ISA tournament and we won the A tier Island Championship hosted at Arbutus Ridge GC. There was only one berth to the provincial tournament, so that meant we were off to Kelowna on May 29. Gallagher's Canyon GC was the host course for the Provincial tournament. Our competition would be stiff as we knew we would face last year's champion from Maple Ridge Christian and other talented teams from West Point Grey Academy, Osoyoos and the Kelowna hosts from Immaculata. After a practice round and registration, the team took part in a skills competition - putting, chipping, bunker shot, long drive and 150 yard shot. Ryland Connell won the putting competition and Devon Vivian captured this year's chipping title by holing out from 20 yards! After the first day of rain soaked competition, we found ourselves tied for first with the team from Immaculata. Unfortunately, local knowledge and some fine play on the part of the Immaculata team resulted in a second place finish for our team after the tallies were completed following the second round of play. Ryland Connell placed 4th over all.

Harvey Thorau (coach), Ryland Connel, Devon Vivian, Jack Wiltshire, Brendan Connel, Conor Hannigan

Sr Girls Field Hockey

Back Row: Arden Baker, Bridget McGillivray, Marina Tomsett, Gabbie Ciceri, Kristina Holm, Elspeth McGillivray,... Middle Row: Lauren Hogan, Lauren Wylie, Patty Thompson, Natalie Watson, Betsy Timbers, Sarah Boyle, Kaelin McKay, ... Front Row: Jennifer Ferguson (coach), Nicola Maine, Cameron Rice-Gural, Christina Pullen, ... Jane Wright, ...

Cross Country

The cross country team, coached by Paul O'Callaghan, was strong all season and grew in size from two people at the first race, to five people by the last! Highlights of the season include the City Finals where Carys Pinches came first, Ben Weir came third, and Christian Taylor fifth. Vancouver Island Age Group Championships was held a week later where Ben Weir placed fifth, Christian Taylor eighth, and Evan Letkeman eleventh. In the grade twelve girls race, Carys Pinches came third. Carys Pinches was also the first runner in GNS history to make it to cross country provincials, where she placed 80th out of 300 runners. The results this season were great, and Mr. O'Callaghan looks forward to having even more runners next year!

Cross Country (left to right): Evan Letkeman, Ben Weir, David Denhoff, Christian Taylor, Carys Pinches, Paul O'Callaghan (Coach)

Rowing

This year was a different kind of year for the rowing team. We had a very young team, made up of 7 alumni from last year and 11 new members, rowing as Novices. With such a new and young squad, this year was largely focused on skill development for each individual rower

For every regatta that we competed in, new boats were created made up of who was available so everyone had the opportunity to get used to rowing with different people for every single regatta. It was a good experience and we always had a very strong showing and came away with things to work on to further develop our team.

Rowing Team (left to right): Joseph Svorkdal, Jim Pommelet, Scott Cousins, Phillip Bohlman, Ryley Erickson, Alwyn Rutherford, Chris Bell, Lisa Pommelet, David Gorham, Jonathan Maxwell, Amy Lowe (Missing: Madeleine Taylor)

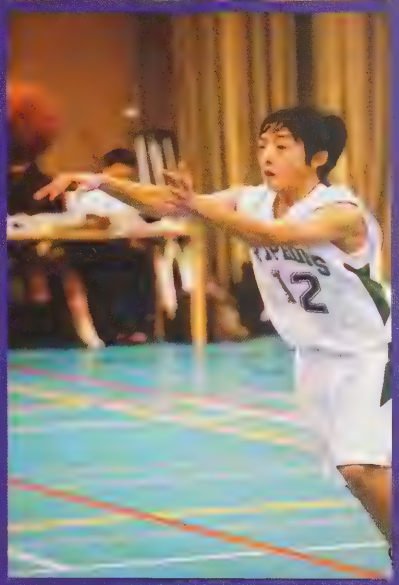
Rugby

After several years of falling just short of making it to the next level the 2010 Senior Boys Rugby team had a break-through season and firmly re-established GNS as a major force on the AA provincial rugby scene. Highlights of the season included: 6th place finish at the CAIS Rugby Tournament in Quebec, Colonel Hodgkins Cup Winners – AA City Champions, defeating Brentwood College, ranked 2nd in the province, in the first round the Provincial Championships, defeating Aldergrove, ranked 6th in the province, in the third round of the Provincial Championships, defeating Ladysmith, ranked 4th in the province, in the fourth round of the Provincial Championships, 5th place finish at the Provincial Championships,crowned AA Island Champions! The team's success this year can be linked directly to a core group of Grade 12 players whose knowledge and understanding of the game, combined with the youthful exuberance of their younger team mates, led to the creation of a formidable squad of determined rugby players. By season's end this group of boys could legitimately call themselves one of the best teams in GNS rugby history and one of the top teams in the province at the AA level. The boys are to be congratulated for the style of rugby they played this season and for the passion they showed for the game. Offensively, they played with style and flair; defensively, they played with a gritty determination and rarely conceded more than one try a game. The coaching staff of Winston Stanley, Shane Muldrew and Noel Hall are to be commended for bringing out the very best in these boys.

Back Row: Frank Stanley (coach), Jum Pommelet, David Gronmyr, Hudson Macintosh, Sam Stephenson, Hamish Bodnar, Macbrian Boss, Ryan Lavalee, Cameron Elwood,

Jr Boys Basketball

The Junior Boys had a difficult season, coming up one win short of making the playoffs. The boys had a lot to learn this year with only two returning players from last season, but this bodes well for next year.



Sr Boys Basketbal

The Senior Boy's Basketball Team got under way with some lofty goals and high expectations. We had the tallest team in recent memory and we set our sights on not only the Island Championship, but also a provincial final four appearance. Practices were intense with our small group of players as we waited for Senior Soccer to put their final touches on a brilliant season. Our first competition was in the VIBA season opening tournament where we faced a number of AA and AAA teams. In the New Year, we travelled to Kelowna to compete in the Immaculata Mustang Invitational. We also hosted the Island Showdown and the Island Championships this year. There was a great dichotomy of talent on the Island and it turned out that Ucluelet would be our competition. The margin of victory was 16 points. Ryland Connell was named as tournament MVP and Sam Stephenson and Brandon Hu were named as first team all-stars. Langley Christian hosted the Provincial tournament in the new Langley Event Centre. We started the tournament against Unity Christian and ended placed 9th in the Province. Ryland Connell was named to the tournament Honorable Mention All-Star Team. Many thanks go to Alexander Fyfe and Brandon Hu for acting as captains this year and, of course, to Steve King for his help, advice and assistance with our program.

Back Row: Harvey Thorau (coach), Steve King (coach), Akira Yoshikawa, Michael Dick, Kevin Eade, Sam Hutchison, Karandeep Manak, Todd Darci
Front Row: Hamish Bodnar, Brandon Hu, Alexander Fyfe, Sam Stevenson

Sr Girls Basketball

The Girls Basketball Team had a very successful year, dominating their season and coming first in the Island Championships. After many key team members graduated last year, the group came together to become a close-knit team, very willing to step up to new challenges. With many new players, and new positions to fill, the support and team spirit made a huge impact on their success. From the court to the bench, each and every player was integral to the team, and the love and friendship made this one of the most cohesive teams GNS girls basketball has seen in a long time. The girls headed off to the Provincial's ranked 10th, and managed to overcome the home team and their deafening crowd in a tight first game. Losing one game to the eventual winner, and one primarily to exhaustion, they came back in the final game- ending up in 7th place! Coaches Ali Doerkson and Rebecca Nielson were amazing and inspirational coaches, and the girls were lucky to have them. Overall, the season was successful both in performance, but even more so in the amazing teamwork demonstrated by all the talented players.

Back Row: Fiona Mathieson. Middle Row: Katie Curry, Temily McCutcheon, Natalie Miller, Brittany Powers, Laura Cousins, Gabbie Ciceri, Rebecca Nielson (coach). Front Row: Patty Thomson, Vicky Slegg, Nikky Powers, Nicola Main, Kirstina Holm

Sr. Boys Soccer

The 2009 Senior Boys' Soccer team enjoyed their best season in the program's history, sweeping all but two of the major trophies available to them. The signs were very good, early in the season, when the boys made it to their first ISA final. While they lost to a powerful St George's team, the lessons they took away from that encounter forged them for bigger battles ahead. In that same week, the boys would lose to Parkland in the league; that would be the last time they lost, all season. Late September took them to Campbell River, where the boys defeated AA and even two AAA opponents to claim the Carihi High Investors' Group trophy. This weekend of beautiful soccer galvanized the group: they wanted more. Impressive victories over traditional rivals, such as Lambrick, St Andrews and SMUS confirmed that this fabulous season was no fluke. And as the games wore on, a definite style was discernible: brilliant goalkeeping; a fearsome defense; lethal counter-attack; and ruthless set-pieces all were used to dispense any opponent who challenged them. The boys were Island champions, in mid-October, with 17 goals for and 0 against, in the tournament. Before they were to head out to the BCs, however, their excellent 2nd place League finish meant that they had a spot in the famous Colonist Cup playoffs. The Colonist is the city's oldest high school sports tournament, and no single-A school had ever won it – to say nothing of even having made the Final. But before the boys left for Abbotsford, and the BC's, they would defeat Mt Doug and Stelly's – two AAA powers – without conceding a single goal. The Stelly's semi-final victory was particularly thrilling: it meant that the boys had the chance to win the BC's, on the upcoming Saturday, with the Final in UVic Stadium two nights later.

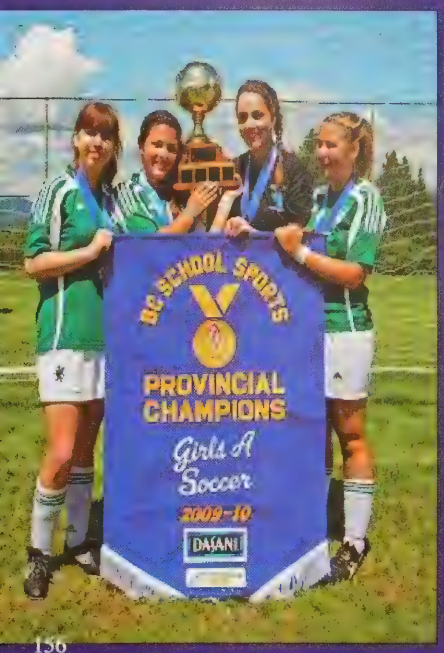
Back Row: Alex Campbell (Coach), Jordan Fletcher-Berna, Christian De Clare, Haden Campbell, Colin Lippert, Dave Wheaton, Ryland Connell, Rab Bruce-Lockhart, Sam Hutchison, Kevin Eade, Gabe Mullin, Ming Lim, Fergus Hall, Conor Hannigan, Andrew Pike (Coach), [redacted]. Front row: Devon Vivian, Brendan Connell, Matias Wieland, Sean Pickersgill, Jeff Lee, Alex Mahrt, John Sharp, Gavin Simmons, Will Anderson, Jeremy White. Missing in the photo: Alexander Fyfe.

Team of the Year!

The BC's were in windswept, rainy, Abbotsford, and while the boys controlled their group games, they were at times nervy encounters: a tight 1-0 win over Kelowna Christian was followed up with a comfortable 3-1 win over Southridge. The following morning, Hazelton were dispatched 4-1, setting up a semi-final encounter with St Anne's, from Kamloops. Another 3-1 win followed – the score was closer than the game itself – and the boys were back in a BC Final for the first time since 2007, when they defeated St John's Brebeuf in Langley. The opponents in the Final were Bodwell, an International School in West Vancouver. The team was mostly composed of Colombian and Mexican boys: they were very skilled, very quick, and had rolled into the final. But our boys were smarter, fiercer, and far more determined. A brilliant goal in only the 10th minute made it 1-0 for GNS, and more chances were to follow in a first half which we dominated. But without that crucial 'knockout goal', the boys had to defend quite deep at times. While the second half was nervous, at times, the boys' togetherness kept the wolves at bay. When the final whistle blew, to signal a 3rd BC Championship for the program, in only five years, the euphoria was easy to see in every boy's face! What better a way to complete the 'dream season' than a Colonist Cup Final game, against Parkland, in UVic Stadium (in front of almost a thousand fans!)? In truth, our boys really dominated the game, and it was only fair that – in a four-minute span, late in the game – two clever goals gave the boys the dream victory. Within 48 hours of winning the BC Championship, our boys were Colonist Cup Champions: the only non-AAA school to claim the prestigious trophy in its 75 year + history. This was a season for the ages: 26 wins to 2 defeats; 99 goals for to 18 against. The 2009 Sr Boys Soccer season will be remembered forever.

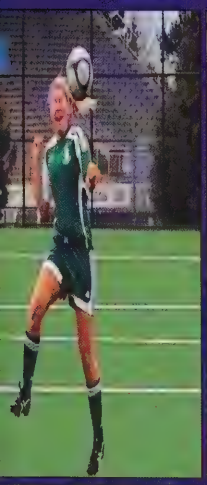
Sr. Girls Soccer

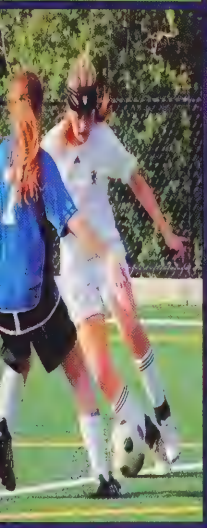
At GNS, the Senior Girls' Soccer program has been a crown jewel for the last decade: no group has acquired more silverware, more accolades, or greater consistency – at a very high level – in that time. But in the last two or three years, before the 2010 season, the standards had remained the same but the trophies were not streaming in with the same intensity.The Soccer Girls are a fiercely determined group, anytime, but something 'extra' was motivating this group from the outset. Maybe it was the fact that they had not appeared in a BC Final in half a decade; perhaps they were inspired by the Soccer Boys' remarkable season, in the Autumn; or maybe it was just time for everything to come together perfectly, to create the greatest season ever. It was the greatest season ever; here is how it unfolded. The early season exhibition tournaments provided the only two actual defeats the girls would experience; these challenges would only make them more determined in the 'real' competitions. And they were very determined: they tore through the A/AA League with a gusto never displayed by any of their predecessors, with 10 wins from 10 games, and 56 goals for and only 2 against. As they were wrapping up the League Championship – only the second in the Girls' program's history – they would add the ISA Championship crown to the list of honours. While the ISA's have proven elusive for the Boys' program, this would be the 3rd ISA triumph for the Girls, with two titles in the last three seasons. This triumph was a particularly memorable one, with fully three of the Girls' five victories coming in penalty shoot-outs. The Girls would celebrate their League and ISA Championships in style: one week after the ISAs, and a few days after they wrapped up the League, they were the guest opponents at SMUS' Alumni weekend. A 4-1 thrashing of SMUS was to follow, and while it was only an exhibition game, the three victories from three games – in just eleven calendar days – underlined the determination of this great team.



Back Row: Sarah Courtice (coach), Gabbie Ciceri, Georgia Grzybowski, Nicola Ma
Ellie Sercombe, Deanna Chkipov, Issy Bodnar, Maddie Silver, Ian Courtice (coach),
Ali Silver, Mish Grzybowski, Julia Drury, Hannah Komlodi, Ian Mathieson (coach),
Diandra Gower (coach). Front Row: Jessica Grundmann, Zoe Hopkins, Danni Keen
Sofie Campbell, Annabel Thornton, Kristina Holm, Fiona Mathieson

Team of the Year!





Possession soccer at its best; brilliant goalkeeping; suffocating defense; consistently clever use of field space; intricate, fast, mesmerizing passing moves – these were just a few of the key features on display, when our Girls took to the field. And these qualities were vital as the Girls headed into the tension-packed 'home stretch' of the season. The Girls' Soccer equivalent of the Boys' Colonist Cup is the Ryan Cup – the city championships for the top A/AA and AAA schools. As A/AA League Champions, our Girls had an automatic spot in the semi-finals. The opponents were Claremont – who would go on to win the AAA BC Championships, three weeks later – but our girls were brilliant. The 2-0 win was wonderful enough; but the way our girls dominated play made it all the sweeter. The Ryan Cup Final was a carbon copy of the Colonist Cup Final, in the Autumn: GNS vs. Parkland. Happily, the end result and even the deficit were the same. Our Girls triumphed 3-1, in an exciting and often fierce game, and with that they had captured all four of the major trophies available to them. One remained: the BC Championship. The omens were good: Abbotsford, the site of the Boys' triumph in the Autumn, was the site of the Girls' BC Championships. The first day was comfortable – two wins from two games; 9 goals for and 0 against. Friday was the crucial day. A gutsy, determined, and clever 1-0 victory over Southridge was viewed by many as the 'real BC Final.' The encore was a comprehensive 2-0 win over the three-time defending champions, Immaculata; who better than our Girls to end the Immaculata dynasty? A new dynasty would start, on June the 5th, when our Girls defeated a surprising North Island team 3-0, in the Final, to complete an astonishing and perhaps impossible-to-emulate season: five major trophies from five; 31 wins – 3 losses – 1 draw; 113 goals for to 14 against; and not a single goal conceded in the BC Championships. This team will be immortalized, in the school's history, and in the Girls' hearts. A breathtaking season.

Clubs & Activities at GNS

Yearbook

The Yearbook committee worked extremely hard to put together a fall yearbook this year. Most of its members were new and many found themselves juggling between full IB and the yearbook. During April and May, when the IB candidates were away with their exams, others were always there to help things along. This group dedicated many hours, as some attended a summer yearbook workshop and all found themselves at the computer lab after classes, and hopes that this yearbook will serve as a great reminder of the 2009-2010 school year.

The Gryphon

This year's Gryphon staff worked hard to produce 3 full issues and a Christmas Humour Special, much to the amusement and entertainment of the GNS Senior School. The Halloween issue paid tribute to the two losses felt by the GNS community over the summer and fall: the deaths of Andrew Paone, and Mr. Graham. The issue brought together the sense of community and the exceptional nature of our school, highlighting to many how lucky we all are. Christmas time brought a compilation of SIPHIPs (Seen in Passing, Heard in Passing) as well as seasonal humour. The Valentine's Day Issue featured an overwhelming sense of compassion and caring, as well as hilarious photo spreads. The traditional parody of the final issue brings the Gryphoon, whose contents are top secret as of press time.

Student Activity Council

The SAC is a committee that organizes events for the senior school, including fundraisers, dances, and activities that promote school spirit. Members are also involved in selling snacks during morning recess in the cafeteria. The SAC supports the Prince Alexander fund, and, some years, organizes food and hamper collections for local food banks. They meet twice in every eight-day cycle during lunchtime in G102. The SAC prefect conducts the meetings and they run throughout the entire year.

Senior Concert Band

The Concert Band had yet another successful year. Under the direction of Mr. Suomi Marttinen, Mrs. Audrey Bailey and Band President Mika Choi, the band worked together to create a harmonious sound.

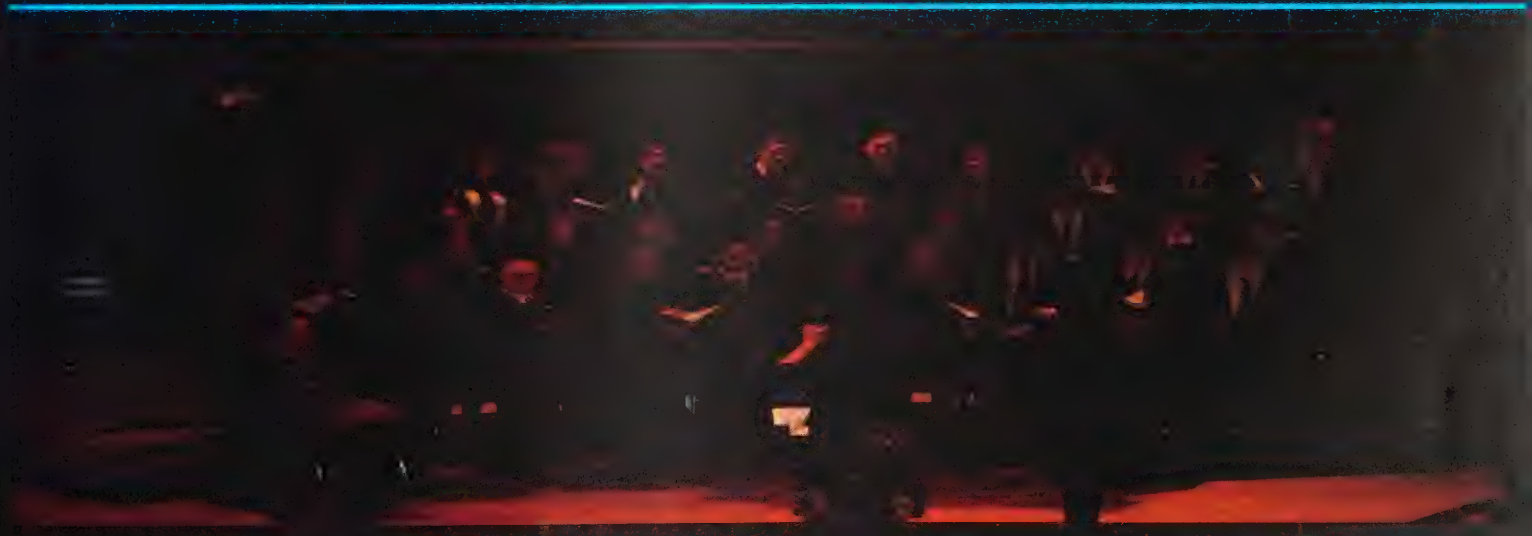
Senior Jazz Choir

The Senior Jazz Choir combined hard work and fun this year. The choir worked hard at each rehearsal and improve the quality of their own vocal abilities and of the entire choir's.

Senior Jazz Band

The Senior Jazz Band had a wonderful year. They started the year at the Welcome Back BBQ and ended the year by receiving the highest score that GNS has ever received at the West Coast Jazz Festival and participating in the Oak Bay Tea Party. An energetic group of people, who seem to be even more talkative on Fridays after school, made life difficult for their director Mrs. Bailey but in the end came together to work on perfecting difficult pieces such as Spain.

Senior Concert Choir



Senior Concert Choir is a co-curricular course including Concert Choir 9, 10, 11 and 12. Students meet on Tuesdays in the lunchroom at 11:55 a.m. and eat their lunch with the Senior Band members while listening to music group announcements. At 12:15, students warm-up in the choir room and rehearse through the lunch hour until 1:23 p.m. Choir also meets in the choir room Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. and rehearses till 1:25 p.m. There are written assignments, including music theory and reflections on performances, which are part of this course. Approximately 40 students from Grades 9 to 12 are involved in Senior Choir and regular attendance makes the student eligible to become part of Tour Choir.

Debating

Our debate year has been a successful one. We started the year by running the first debate tournament for the Island. Thereafter, we attended the huge UBC event, the Independent School Championship (Newman Fisa) event at Crofton House followed by the Golden Gnome event, the Regional and the Law Foundation Cup (Provincials) in Vancouver. The season wrapped up with our school hosting and winning the 6th annual GNS Provincial Mock Trial Championships at the Provincial Courthouse followed shortly thereafter by the Team Canada Qualifier and, the 2010 National Debate Championships that was held at our school on April 22 to 26.

Round Square

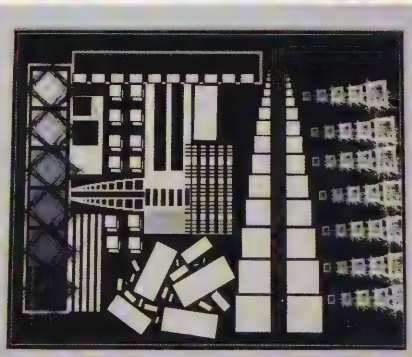
The Round Square is a group of students and teachers wgo work to raise awareness and take action on local and global issues. Past initiatives include a 'sock drive' for locals in need, an awareness campaign for World AIDS Day, "Randon acts of Kindness Week" and organizing and running the annual Round Square Talent Show.

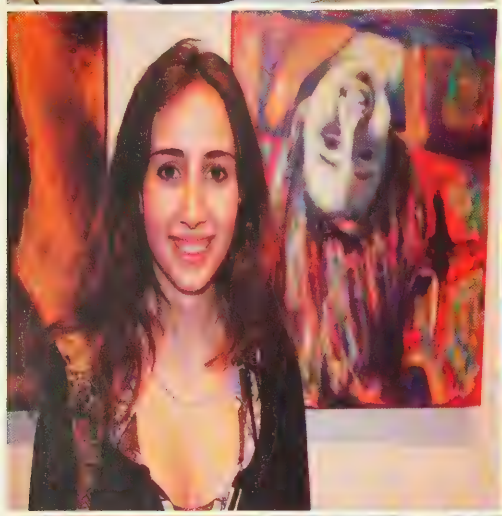
Intercultural Club

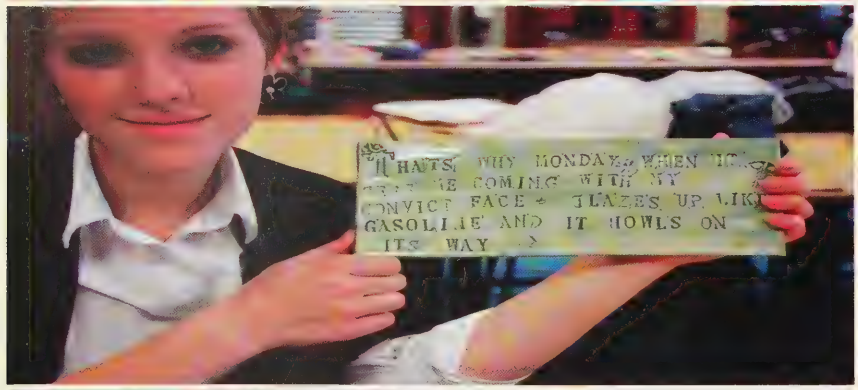
This year, the intercultural club started out with great energy and enthusiasm. The international dinners at the cultural restaurants such as "Reef" and "Milos" were very successful and had a record setting turn out. The club also worked hard to engage itself with different cultures around the world and convince the other colleagues to participate with them through the celebrations of international holidays such as the Chinese New Years Day and the International Day.

Chess Club

2009/2010 was the first year for the Chess Club in the Senior School. This was a surprisingly lively group who met for friendly and competitive in-house games. One of our students, Bohang Zhang did compete at the Regional and Provincial level. We are proud of his great accomplishments: Second in the regionals and Fourth in the Provincials.



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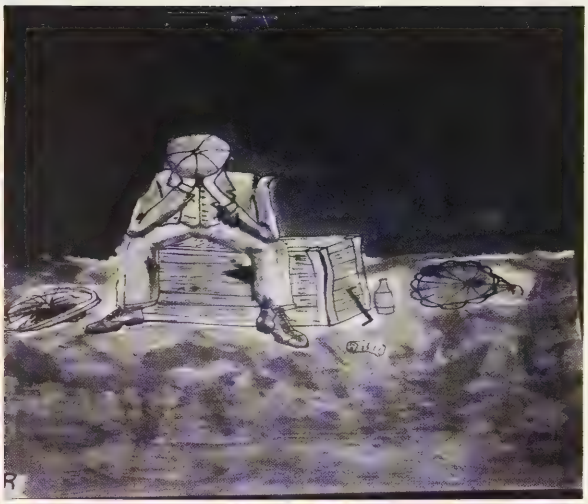

our town.

senior school production.

Since the beginning of the year, a cast and crew of more than forty worked hard under the direction of Mr Collett to produce *Our Town*, a play by Thornton Wilder about the meaning of life after death. At times, these actors and crew members worked six days out of the week. But with determination and some laughs along the way, this group's work paid off, and on December 2 to 5 they performed it for an enthusiastic public and received overwhelming reviews. A portion of the official review is below. In a clockwise motion: Jow Crowell (Sam Ferraby) in Act II, the cast at curtain call, Mr and Mrs. Webb (Mack Rankin, Fly Blokker-Dalquist) debating family matters, the last scene with George Gibbs' suicide (Julian Butterfield).

"By mimicking the ubiquitous position of the deceased characters, the audience effectively gained the knowledge of the deceased as they enjoyed the performance, the knowledge of the beauty and passion of the every day. While the Stage Manager says that only poets and saints recognize the true value of life, Mr. Collett's direction and set design gave each audience member a role in the play as one of those who is lucky enough to observe life and recognize it for all its worth. Effectively, Mr. Collett [and cast and crew] made saints and poets of us all."- from the review of Our Town.

cast and crew.

Stage Manager	Kevin Eade
	Emily Harris
	Amy Yvorchuk
Dr. Gibbs	Riley Nicholson
Joe Crowell	Sam Ferraby
Howie Newsome	Cameron Elwood
Mrs. Gibbs	Jessica Pickersgill
Mrs. Webb	Fly Blokker-Dalquist
George Gibbs	Julian Butterfield
Rebecca Gibbs	Candace Risley
Professor Willard	Zoe Benson-Potter
Wally Webb	Elliot Lupini
Emily Webb	Niki Powers
Mr. Webb	Mack Rankin
Woman in Balcony.	Emma Tennant

Beligerent Man	Jeremy White
Lady in Box	Amy Yvorchuk
Simon Stimson	Dobby Gordon
Mrs. Soames Consta-	Katelyn Hart
ble Warren	Philip Bohlman
Si Crowell	Sam Ferraby
Sam Craig	Jeremy White
Joe Stoddard	Jessica Pickersgill
Choir	Dobby Gordon
	Fly Blokker-Dalquist
	Zoe Benson-Potter
	Emma Tennant
	Cameron Elwood,
	Mack Rankin
	Katelyn Hart

Director	Ian Collett
Stage Manager	Leanne Wallace
Lighting Design	Adam Wilkonson
Costume Design & Props	Cyndi Powers
Costume Design & Props	Donja Blokker-Dalquist
Costume Design and Props	Riley Nicholson
Ambient Sound Design	Trevor Oswalt
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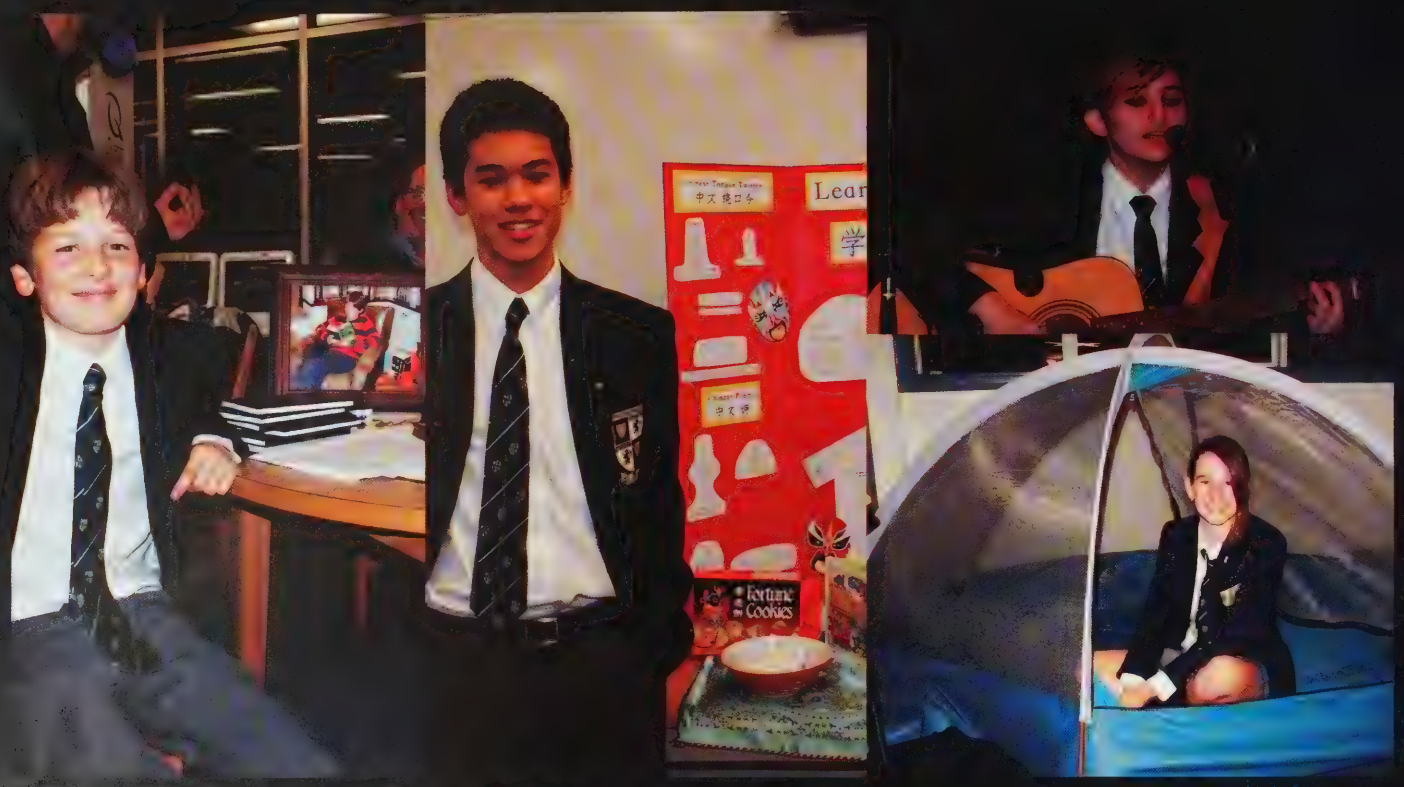

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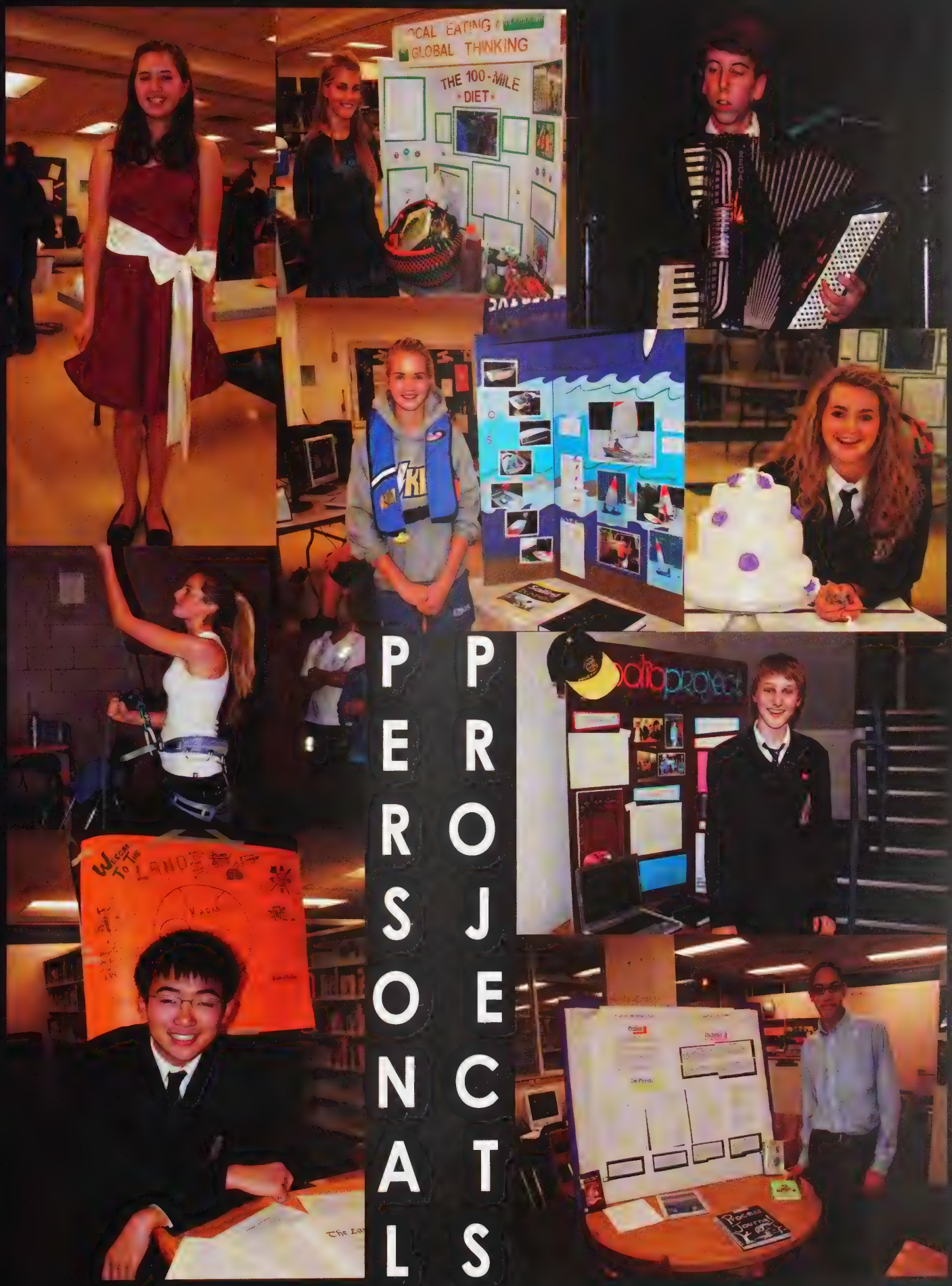

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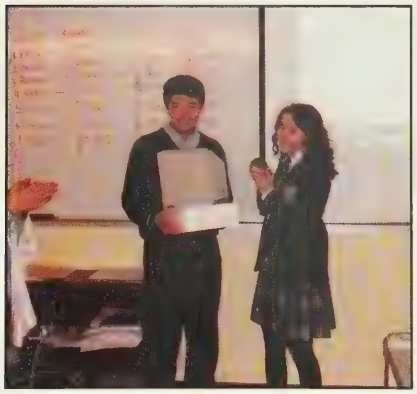
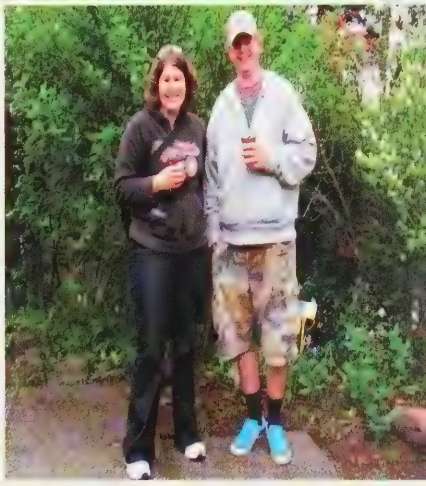
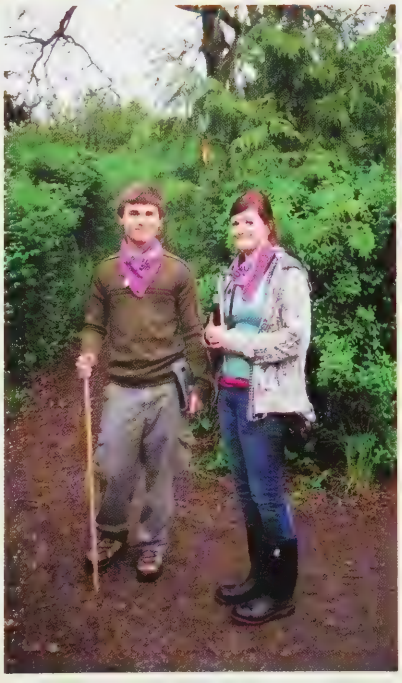
Science Olympics 2010



2010 marked the first ever GNS Science Olympics, being run by the Science Forum. These Olympics featured events such as 'Volcano Building', 'Paper Airplanes', 'Walk the Line', and 'Cantilever Arm'. The winners of these respective events were awarded with gold, silver, and bronze iced cupcakes. This event was very successful, providing much fun for all those involved.

Group IV

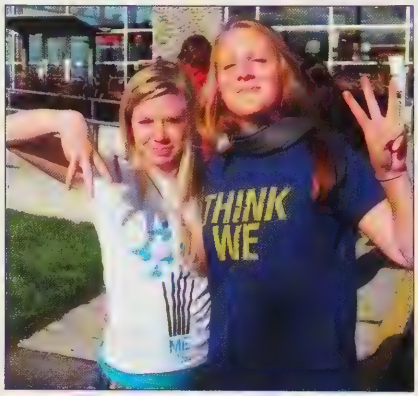




Me to We Day

"The change starts within each one of us." - Craig Kielburger

On September 29th, 2009, 22 excited Gryphons, grades 6-12, with teachers Sarah Craig, Sarah McKerlich and Mary-Lue Emmerson, boarded an early ferry to join 16, 000 other youth and educators at GM Place in Vancouver to celebrate Me to We Day. This full day forum enlightened, empowered and entertained, as we all learned about Free the Children's message of the importance of caring for each other, our schools, our communities, and our world. Guest speakers included spiritual leader, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, wild life advocate Dr. Jane Goodall, former child soldier Michel Chikwanine, actor and Darfur activist Mia Farrow, musicians K'Naan and Jason Mraz, among many others. It was a great event, and since attending, our Gryphon delegates have worked hard to work with various organizations both inside and outside of school to bring to life their plans for positive change.



The Dickens Faire

Held on December 1st, the Dickens Faire is an annul event hosted by the Parents Auxilary. This year we were treated to 'Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe', Crafters and Artisans, 'Southeran's of Sackville Street', Greenery, decorating and lighting and even refreshements from the world of 1850. Those who attended had a good'ol time!

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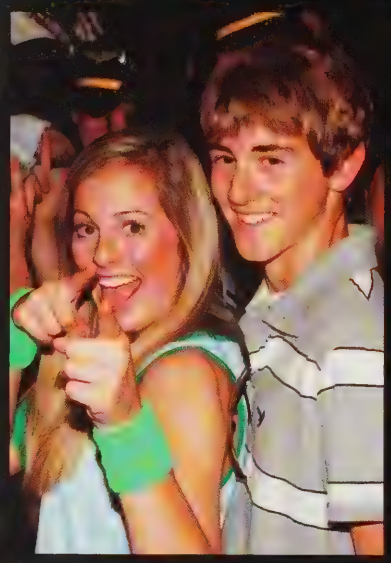

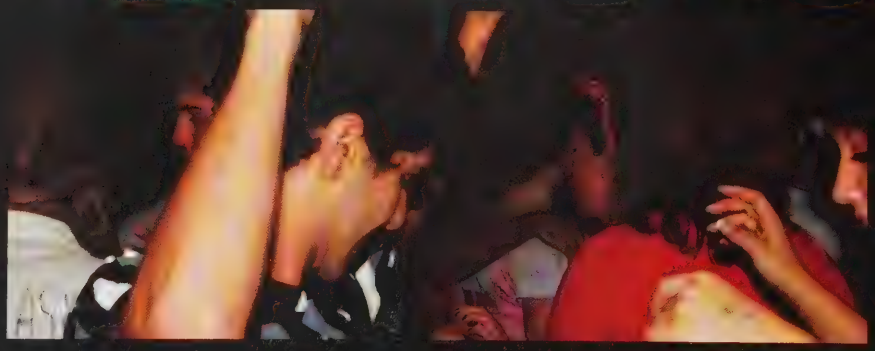

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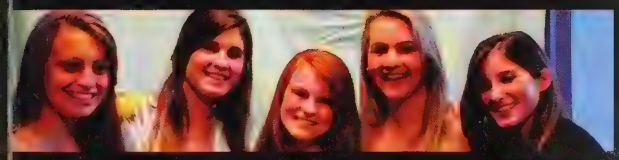


india.roundsquare2009.

india & preconference.

In the first week, we travelled on our preconference tour. We visited the capital of India, New Delhi, as well as Agra (where the Taj Mahal is, far bottom picture) and Jaipur. Highlights included haggling in markets, riding in a rikshaw (a bicycle that carries passengers), visiting the Taj Mahal, and a short camel ride. It is only in India where you can witness such a diverse range between culture, beauty and poverty. The girls (far left picture), Indian traffic (top), map of places visited (left), cow eating garbage (bottom left)

who travelled on this trip.

students.

Dobby Gordon, Becky Lalli, Illana Pearson, Ji-Young Kim, Hamish Ballantyne, Stefan Higgins, Conor Hannigan and Alexander Koziol-Neumann.

chaperones.

Mrs. Crossley and Mrs. Harris.

fromignorancetoknowledge.

conference & orphanage.

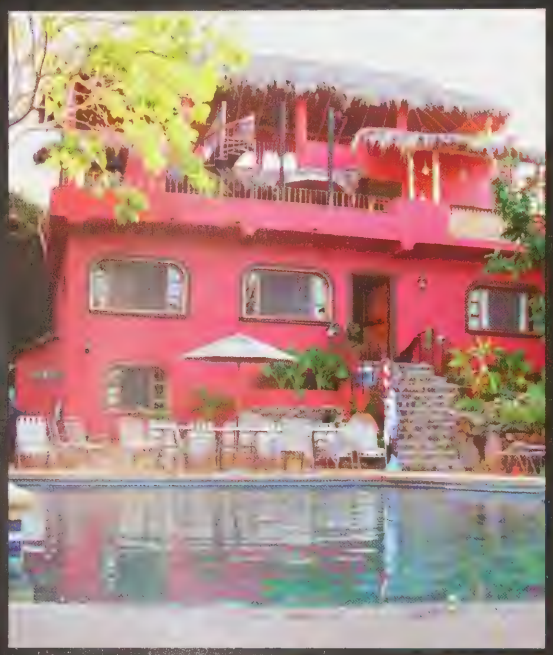
The conference lasted for the remainder of the trip. It was held at Mayo College in Ajmer. During this week, we had six speakers as well as two days of Service and Adventure. Throughout the event, each GNS group member met many people, most notably Prince Andrew. By the end, friendships developed and we were reluctant to go home. Clockwise: Alexander Koziol-Neumann with a Mayo College prefect, the new Round Square logo introduced at the conference, 'welcome' written in chalk, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Crossley, and Hamish Ballantyne, Conor Hannigan, Stefan Higgins and Karan Desai, an Australian delegate.

ROUND SQUARE

On the last day of the trip, we visted the Dayanand Balsadan Orphanage. During this time, more than 40 girls and 110 boys, aged 6 to 18 years, were being cared for in this institution. The genders were housed seperately. Their first language was Hindi. Presently, a much needed dining hall for the boys was newly contructed and a new dorm was underway. However, these changes are some of the most essential. The GNS group and four orphans (left), a quote from the wall of the orphanage (far top).

mexico.chalahaproject.

round square service project.



Let me introduce you to a foreign world. A world that was dealt a lesser hand, and yet always had their hearts pointed towards the sun. Our mission: to turn their 'low pair' into a 'full house'. Through hard work, determination, and just enough fun, we were successful in our mission while gaining an appreciation to their alternate way of life. Throughout our trip, we met new people, ate new foods, and got really tanned (a little too much in some cases). Though there were unexpected jokers in the deck, stomach flu's, sun stroke, or traumatic injuries, we were able to go through it all and deliver the expected full house and we were able to return home with 'higher hearts', knowing that we were all big assets in completing the mission than we left with. Clockwise: the GNS group, Habitat sign, Jordan Willaims-Yeun playing out the guitar, girl helping out, Will Anderson, Lucas Christopher and Andrew Rinald and our hotel.

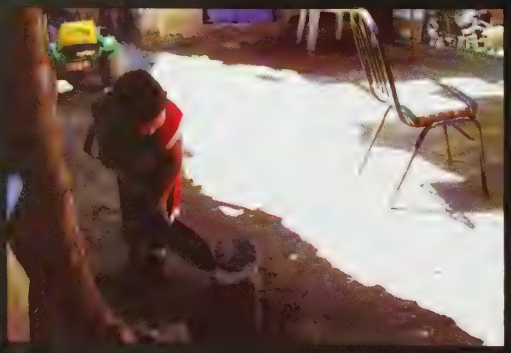
who travelled on this trip.

students.

Taylor Brown, Lianne Chiang, Haley Parkhill, Christina Pullen, Betsy Timbers, Nathalie Watson, Lauren Wylie, Will Anderson, Lucas Christopher, Andrew Rinald, Jamie Thornton, and Jordan Williams-Yuen

chaperones.

Mrs. McKerlich and Senor Reeves



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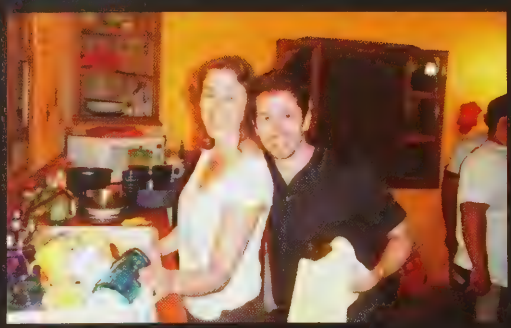


Clockwise: The local kids up on a wall, Lauren Wylie and Lianne Chiang hanging out, the group heading out on the boat cruise, a house on the river, Mrs. McKerlich and Senor Reeves, Christina Pullen working, Haley Parkhill and Taylor Brown aligning the bricks, shoes off after work, and the locals that were benefitted.

japan. trip 2010.
kyoto & surrounding areas.

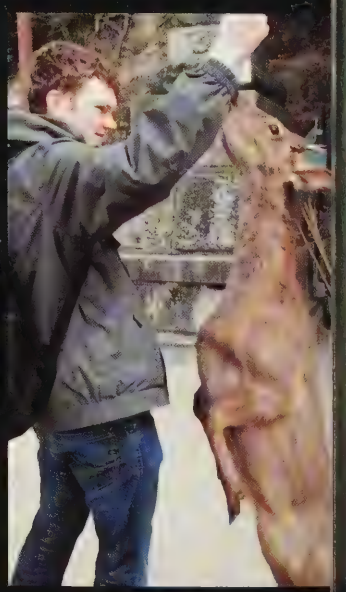
On March 8th 2010, a group of intrepid travelers (staff, students and one parent) from the Senior School departed Swartz Bay on their way to 12 days in Japan. After arriving in Japan and quickly getting lost in Narita Airport, the students and staff settled into their rooms in a Japanese Inn in Kyoto. From ancient Kyoto to modern Hiroshima, the students andstaff had many different experiences for the first 5 days of the trip. From the beauty of Kiyomizu Temple to the somber memorial of the Atom Dome and Peace Museum in Hiroshima, our members explored Japan.

who travelled on this trip.
students.

Renee Adams, Marissa Armstrong, Sarah Bailie, Sydney Carter, Alex Hollohan, Taryl Stelmaschuck, Roy Cho, Sam Coulter, James Gilmour, Karl Grewal, David Haynes, Philip Kim, Ben Life, Evan Ruffell, Spencer Tranter, David Wheaton and Matt Whysker.

chaperones.

Mrs. Waugh, Mrs. and Mr. Calderwood, Mr. Adams and Mr. Pimlott



setegaya gakuen school.

sister school & tokyo.

We then departed for Tokyo and students stayed with Homestay families from our sister school Setagaya Gakuen. Our sister school graciously welcomed and hosted us over 7 days. We experienced modern Japan throughout our stay in Tokyo until taken to Nikko to visit Toshogu Shrine and the dangerous Edo Wonderland Village – where ninjas stalk the streets and our principal Mr. Calderwood was apprehended by samurai authorities. It was a close call. On March 20th we flew back to Canada (and back to school two days later.) Our students were wonderful ambassadors for our school and country; and they had a memorable time.

Internal Awards Assembly

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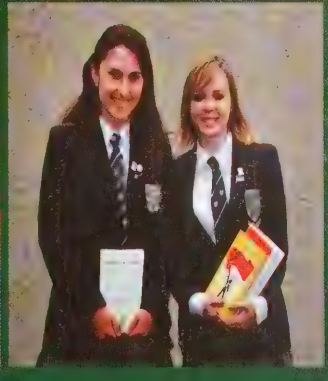

Closing Ceremonies

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current events.
international newsmakers.

Oil Spill in Gulf of Mexico

February 18, 2010

The Deepwater Horizon oil spill is a massive oil spill that, at present, is considered the largest offshore spill in U.S. history. The Horizon is an offshore oil rig owned by British Petroleum that exploded due to the ignition of methane gas from the well that was under high pressure, killing eleven workers and injuring seventeen. The rig soon sank after the incident; crude oil from the well underneath has leaked at a rate estimated to be at 35,000 to 60,000 barrels a day. This amount of oil brought to ocean surface is not only causing environmental havoc, but also is damaged the Gulf of Mexico fishing and tourism industries. Methods of stopping the oil rig have proven ineffective thus far; the permanent solution is a relief well that will be drilled in August.

First Synthetic Life

May 20, 2010

A team of twenty scientists have created the world's first synthetic life form in a landmark experiment that paves the way for designer organisms that are built rather than evolved.

The controversial feat, which has an estimated cost of $40 million, was described by one researcher as "a defining moment in biology". However critics, including some religious groups, condemned the work, citing that artificial organisms could escape into the wild and cause environmental disaster or be turned into biological weapons. The new organism is based on an existing bacterium that causes mastitis in goats, but at its core is an entirely synthetic genome that was constructed from chemicals in the laboratory.

Barrack Obama Peace Prize

February 18, 2010

The 2009 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the current U.S. President Barack Obama "for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples." The Norwegian Nobel Committee announced the award on October 9, 2009, citing Obama's promotion of nuclear non-proliferation and a "new climate" in international relations encouraged by Obama, especially in reaching out to the Islamic world. He is one of four US presidents to receive the award. All award money (approx. $1.33 million CAD) was donated to charity.

The First-Generation iPad Released

April 3rd, 2010

On April 3, 2010, the first generation iPad from Apple Co. was released to American consumers and internationally on May 28, 2010. Although media reception was mixed, the tablet has been taken by storm by the public; as of June 22, 2010 Apple had sold 3 million units. The device enters a new field of computing largely dominated by smartphones and laptops. The device itself is a multi-touch, 1.5-1.6 pound tablet that uses Wi-Fi and 3G connectivity to access the internet. It also boats 10 hours of battery life, and uses a gorgeous 1024 × 768 px LCD display. User can download the iWork family of programs and iMovie and iBooks (and ebook reader) apps that are adapted for the iPad off the App Store. Criticism has been drawn, however, for the iPad's lack of Adobe Flash support, a lack of a USB port, and a lack of a camera for video conferencing.

canadian top five of 2009/2010.

music.

The Black Eyed Peas	1	I Gotta Feeling
Lady Gaga	2	Poker Face
Flo Rida	3	Right Round
The Black Eyed Pea	4	Boom Boom Pow
Jason Mraz	5	I'm Yours

movies.

$1,985,000,000	1	Avatar
$691,200,000	2	Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs
$680,300,000	3	Alice in Wonderland
$632,000,000	4	Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
$434,100,000	5	Up

school events.
student accomplishments.

The Actuator Strikes Again!

February 18, 2010

Grade 12 student Michael Peters received 2nd place at the Taiwan International Science Fair for his invention, The Actuator. Developed out of the death of his grandmother who died of Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) (blood clots in the legs), the Actuator is designed to prevent the disease, which often develops in wheel-chair bound individuals. The Actuator was designed to fasten to all types of wheelchairs, using the universal attachment for foot rests. Connected to the wheels of the chair, the Actuator oscillates the individual's legs like a bicycle as the chair's wheels turn. The movement can be achieved either actively or passively depending on the user's physical limitations, but in both cases, heart rate increases along with circulation, which prevents the coagulation of stagnant blood in the legs.

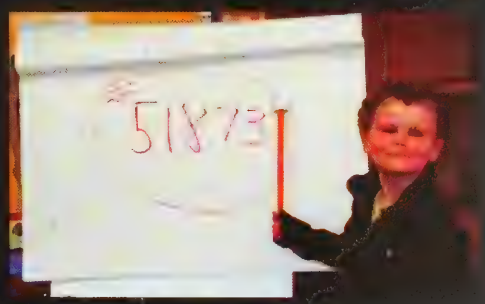
Part of his IB Personal Project, Michael's research includes dozens of sources, including numerous articles from peer-reviewed medical journals far beyond a high school comprehension level as well as his own experimental data. As a result, judges at the International Taiwan Fair were as impressed with Michael's invention and extensive scientific research into DVT as were judges at the Vancouver Island Regionals, Canadian Nationals, and the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Atlanta. As well, various private corporations have shown an interest in manufacturing the device. While Michael is unable to give details on any developments of manufacturing the Actuator due to a two-way non-disclosure agreement, he assures us that discussions are in the works and that "it would give [him] a great sense of personal satisfaction to see [The Actuator] in hospitals."

Thea Block Writes Bill Presented in Parliament

May 12, 2010

Grade 10 student Thea Block travelled to Ottawa this week to watch as a bill she wrote was presented in Parliament. Thea's bill, C-518, was the winner of the Create Your Canada contest, out of Victoria MP Denise Savoie's office. In the bill, Thea directs the Federal Fisheries Ministry to "strengthen the Fisheries Act to require fish farms operating on BC's coast to make the transition to closed containment systems."

New Democrat Fisheries and Oceans Critic Fin Donnelly (New Westminster-Coquitlam) presented the bill. "This is a great first step," Donnelly stated. "Hopefully, through [Thea's] actions, and those of other young Canadians, we can protect our wild salmon for generations."



Kindergarten Read-a-Thon to Help Haiti

January 22, 2010

After learning about the earthquake in Haiti, five-year-old Kindergarten student Calum decided he wanted to help the people. Free of the sense of helplessness adults often feel when tragedy strikes, Calum approached Mr. Eagle and Ms. Graham to think of a way to help Haiti. Calum, who loves reading, agreed that a Kindergarten Read-a-Thon would be a great way to raise money to send to Haiti!

Students in Kindergarten paid a toonie to participate and read to each other non-stop in the allotted time. With the generosity of the K parents, the Read-a-Thon raised $518.00! Taking into account the government's matching program, the total reaches $1,036.00 for Haiti relief from the Kindergartens! When asked why he wanted to host the Read-a-Thon, Calum announced "Haiti needs help and supplies!" It's as simple as that. When someone needs help, you help!

Grad 2010

WILL BALLANTYNE

Years at GNS: 6
Favourite Quote: "Juat?"
Comments: Musically, when we connect, we CONNECT. You are as into music as I am and that in itself is intense; loved analyzing and discussing records with you even though you're a Mingus man and I'm a Ron Carter man. We don't have the exact same taste, and I think that's good cause it offers quality control for our songs. Keep it Formful. You're breaking up with me? WELL THEN I'M BREAKING DOWN WITH YOU! There is no else that I would prefer to do that routine with. You have greatly helped me advance my musical and comical abilities and one day when our kids get Orfanariums Disease in the future and we dematerialize we will meld to become one unstoppable, musical, hilarity machine that will enslave the universe. **Maximum** When I walked into the office to take you on your tour of the school I thought to myself "now here's a stand up guy." Perhaps later on in life we will regale each other with stories of old in our respective mahogany studies in front of a roaring fire while warming our feet on the pelts of various endangered animals. Capt! We've had lots of good times like being good at skiing and the Minstrels etc. Keep it Mango-ish. **Goron** Will, I don't know where I'm going next year and neither do you. All I know is that if I'm not able to see you there will be an empty space in my heart that no amount of ice cream could ever fill. You can make me smile like no one else can. Usually it's when you're just doing those Will things you do – like putting your glasses on all crooked or tapping with your finger joints. Honestly, there are no words to describe how much you mean to me. Love, **Ali**

ALI SILVER

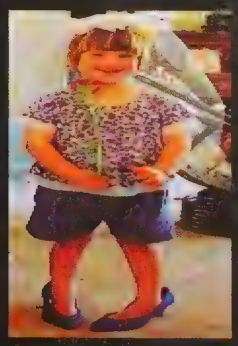
Years at GNS: Lifer
Comments: Billy, no one in my life has ever known, understood, and cared for me like you have. You've been the rock in my life, like the pebble in my backyard. You've taught me so much. Thank you for showing me what it is to be a friend, how to run from Mr. Taylor, and for being my fly dissecting partner. Even if we're apart, we'll always be together. Love, **Feebs.** Billy Bilver, if I made a batch of shortbread every time we laughed together,I'd be the size of Russia. I hope you have a wonderful family neighbour, I'm sure we will see a lot of each other. **BM** Alister, over the years we've bit our hang nails (Heroes), checked out McSteamy (Grey's) and puzzled over murders (Dexter). I'm going to miss you so much next year. Love you. **GC** There are few people whose opinion I value as high as yours & I'm always able to come to you and express my thoughts. I can always count on you to really listen to all the ridiculous stuff I say. Even after your reign is over, you will always be my head girl. Maxy We've fallen asleep in your bed, we've talked, hugged, laughed, cried and been adventurous together. 'Campouts,' soft music chats, death cab, noodle bodies and lunch outings. We know each other so well & have grown together. Love forever, **LR** I can't think of anyone I would rather have spent the last four years with. You make me laugh more than anyone else. You also mean the most to me. Since I'm a complex bundle of emotions bursting at the seams with poignancy I'll just say this: there's no one in the WHOLE WORLD that I'd let get away with calling me angel pie except you. Love, **Will**

ALEXANDER FYFE

Years at GNS: 7
Comments: I can't believe it's already been 6 years since we first met. I'm so glad that we got through it. I will never forget the two b-ball seasons we had together. Thanks for being where you always are. You've always been a great friend to me. **Bran** This year has been wonderful getting to know you; our differences have only made us stronger. I'm going to miss not having you at my side next year deputy, but I know we will find a way to keep in touch! **LR** It's been a crazy few years, but they've been some of the best years of my life. Thank you for opening doors for me, and being the best friend and love I could possibly ask for. To band trips from Disneyland to Hawaii, to skiing and snowboarding, to late nights and really early mornings watching movies or at the airport waiting for one of us to return. To truly, madly, deeply. Love, **Lana** We've had our rough patches but at the end of it all, we always came out closer than before. Sometimes you were a friend and sometimes more like a brother and I appreciate that you were always able to be there when I needed you. One day I may run a motel and you may be a famous doctor and perhaps we would actually be able to start the "mornings with AJ and Bo." Always keep in touch and good luck next year!!! **-Mika-** Hi Big Brother. You will always be my favorite American. I'll miss our bus rides, the Disney Trip, your back massages, and reminiscing on about how much better California is than the rest of the world. Miss you next year! ~Your little big sister **Colleen**

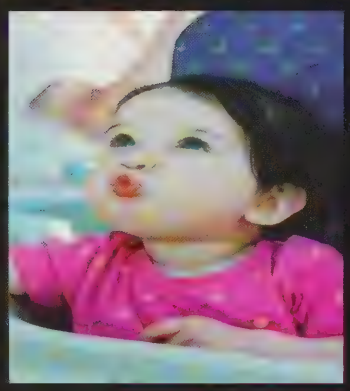
LAUREN RADFORD

Years at GNS: 4
Comments: You're the happiest person. It's amazing to be your friend! It's been great and I'm going to miss you so don't go far away. Keep in touch! **Kdavis** I need you. I don't think there has been a week in my senior school life that I haven't depended on your support, your happiness and your love. I'll never forget comfortable days spent lying in my room, lunches at Pomo's, Ottavio's, or memorable nights camping out -Radford's making eggs, Metchosin singing Mariah Carey. We belong together girl. 50 years from now when you read this, I will be right beside you - I couldn't last long without hearing your laughter, seeing your smiling face (gosh, your eyes actually twinkle) or sinking into a Lauren hug. I love you so much and I'd follow you into the dark any day. **AS** Ever since socials nine class, you've been one of the most supportive, caring and honest friends I could never even imagine. Soccer was so enjoyable; neither of us could have survived i-court alone. From crying in my room, to laughing on the block, whenever times got hard we were always able to suck it up, be men, and rub dirt on it. My memories with you will never fade, and I know that wherever we end up we'll always be friends. Love always, **Mathy** You are the most genuine person I have met. I am beyond ecstatic that we have shared our moments together. You have helped me learn a lot about myself and I'm permanently excited for our next interaction. As we go through. **MB** If you're looking for a smile, a way to brighten up your day, this girl right here has it. Among other positive things, you're AWESOME Lauren. AS WE GO THROUGH. CR Murp. Glub glub. I love you. **Ian**



ZOE ABELSON

Years at GNS: 3
Ambition: To accomplish my goals and be happy... basically taking over the world.
Favorite Quote: "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind"- Dr Seuss
Comments: We laid down a piece of paper, took all the condiments out of your fridge sprayed them over your driveway, put paint on top, petals, set it on fire. You're such a fun person to be with and so kind hearted. I've loved spending time with you because you're someone special and you should know that. You made my days happy ones so thank you for being such an awesome friend. Love, **Rachel** Zokokooo! You are an awesome friend... maybe even more awesome than me. I hope I never lose you! You are so funny, great, and honestly, the greatest person to quote ever. Heart you forever! **Melissa** Hope to see you in Vancouver! Or at least at the next neighbourhood x-mas party. -**Lindsay** Zoko! Although I make fun of you a lot, it's only cause I love you a lot. You're hilarious and I appreciate all the good times we've had together. And I can't stress enough that when you do come to my birthday party, you're not going to know it's my birthday until you're there. Love you and I hope you have a great time next year.-**Taryl** Hey Zoe, I'm so glad to have met you, the past few months you have become the light of my life. No really, I go to school just to see you smile. Keep on trucking. xox **Caitlin**

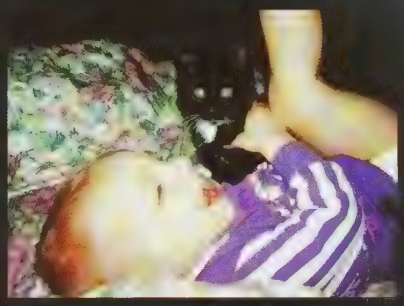


BRIANNE ABERDEEN

Years at GNS: 5
Best memories: Driving down Shelbourne with my love Marissa!!! And all the times at Hornby.
Comments: Oh Brianne. Can you believe we made it? We always talked about how wonderful it would be to finally break loose, and now here we are! I don't think high school would have been the same without you, really. I've always admired you for your strength and heart. You were always there for me and I shared some of my best (and worst) times with you. Love always-**RF**. You are such an amazing and bubbly person! You light up the room, I love your craziness and I hope you never loose it! Good luck with your amazing life to come- **JP**. When I think of you, its like a little voice in my head goes off with the sound of your giggling! Such a pleasant sound! I will miss everything about you...but specifically your smoldering vocab!- **AK**. Hello Brian Sr. Hopefully Brian Jr. will be born soon and you, me, Marissa, and Melissa can carry on as a happy family. We've had lots and lots of good times together. I love you. -**TS** Oh Bri Bri! It's been awesome getting to know you, and I love our little talks! I will definitely miss you, and good luck next year at Carleton! Hopefully we shall keep in touch! Love you! **MS**. I think your excessive giggling started in French 10, and then went on to absolutely destroy Chem 11, bio and math. Stay robotic, and maybe one day technology will allow you to feel some human emotion other than laughter. **LM** Brianne. You are love, beauty, fun, silly and so much more just rapped up into one ball of sunshine. You are fabulous and I adore you so very much. I will miss you next year, and I definitely mean it. **LW**

RENEE ADAMS

Years at GNS: 9
Ambition: To get a degree in Biology.
Probable Destiny: Crazy cat lady by the age of 24.
Comments: Oh you amazing person! I love our obsessions with cats, our strange encounters in the hallways, music obsessions, and bio conversations... I just love everything that we have! I wouldn't have wanted anything any different! JP Stray you were never afraid to tell me what I needed to hear and for that I owe you more than you could possibly know. Thank you for always being there. Love, EE Stray! You've been a great friend since I met you. I've shared so many laughs with you over the years and I hope there are many more to come. CM I don't think I've ever wanted to be friends with a person prior to meeting them more than you. We can hang out for a good 6 hours and we'll be belly laughing the whole time. You've been the best friend and even though we can both have our moments where we fight and are stubborn, I love you like crazy. EBD I love you girl. Good luck next year and I'll be sure to visit. TS You're an amazing person. When people try to bring you down, on the worst of days you still manage to put a smile on and carry on. It has been great getting to know you, hope to talk to you in the future. BL Even though we haven't had many classes together for the past three years, I'm glad that I got to know you. Thanks for all the fun memories and we'll keep in touch, PC I have no Idea how we remained platonic for over 5 years, but it was good times. SC Stray! You are such a crazy, loveable, amazing person! Keep laughing darlin'! NB



MARISSA ARMSTRONG

Years at GNS: 11
Nicknames: Mariffa, Marcie, Maurice, Marmar, Marayray, Marcus, Snowflake
Comments: Marissa! I've had so many fun times with you these past years; From Starchild, in his almighty power, to traveling with you to Disneyland and Japan. You're an incredibly kind person, and always try and make sure everyone's having a good time **RA** One word: BFC. I will never forget our girls night. Can't wait to see what the year brings us, and the many years to come **BL** As nerdy as it sounds, I'm really glad that I chose to take IB physics in grade 11, because that's where I started to know you more and more. Hope we keep in touch **PC** Mario. You are absolutely SO MUCH FUN! You always make me laugh not to mention how kind you've always been. When you're around everyone's having a good time, and I feel so lucky you shared that with me **RF** You have been looking for me for the past 17 years of your life and good thing you found me. Life has been a barrel of laughing monkeys with you and I hope that it continues to be so! I have had a great time getting to know you. Good times in la clase de espanol. I will MISS YOU MARMAR! **ZA** You are one of the most uplifting spirits I have ever met and I love having a friend to make me laugh until tears come out my eyes. Your true beauty as a human being will lead you places I can't even imagine. Maurice, I just have to say I adore you so much **LW** Being your classmate/friend/roommate has been pretty super kawaii g. We've been BFFOMG 4EVA! **TS**

NICK BAILEY

Years at GNS: 10
Personal Heroes: Sean Connery, The most interesting man in the world, Will Ferrell
Comments: Nick – You're my mancrush, brah. I remember when I had to choose my new school in Victoria I chose GNS because you were here. I dunno if that means if we're boyfriend/girlfriend or whatever but the man who purloins you from me is a DEAD MAN. Ha Ha! Loins. We've had some good times re: smoking jackets, fine, age'd scotch, a good game of rugger and just generally the finer things in life. Δ/SeanCon. – **Will**
Nicky, you've been one of my best friends since grade six. It's embarrassing to think about the movie nights at AM's and frolicking in your bedroom talking about cooties. HW's English classes, goofing off in math and that class with he who shall not be named just top off the good times had. I love you very much, best bud, and even if you grow up on me I'll always remember you as that little boy with baby fat and long curly ringlets. You are a truly irreplaceable friend Nicholas Bailey and I know for a fact you will go far. With so much love, **Leanne.** I will always remember the first time I watched the 3rd season of South Park. Your house used to be the place to be and always will remain one of my favourite abodes. May your chin strap grow forever. – **Max**

MAX BERGEN

Years at GNS: 8
Comments: CreeEEE, bubble tea, lampreys, pretty smelling flowers, family channel and cakes with babies. These are all the things that make me think of you Max, and of course heavy metal. Can't wait to hear your double platinum CD single top hit tracks! As we go through. **Lauren**. Maxium, you are destined to go on and define MetalPop. I know somehow down the road you will end up as your favourite deuche master shake, only more like murderface, because you'll be in a band. Oh, and don't worry, I'm sure some day BabyCakes will like you...your drummer and partner in brutality. **Liam**. Maximum Bergen. You're the maximan. Let's cut off these heads and hide bombs in them, right? We've had tons of good times, from the Galloping Stallions to the Bloody Minstrels. I've ruined my back rockin' out with you and also had some fun sleepovers. BabyCakes will one day love us. **Will**. It is an eternal quest to reach age 11 one that me and you are far from... Thanks for totally like being my BEST FRIEND in HIGH school and I know one day we will both be age 11(or just have the biggest bondares thinking about it; no fear MOM we will be safe and unleash the power of Virginity Crosses!) **Cameron**. Maxymill, you're the most original person I know. I'll miss how quickly & suddenly your face can explode into a smile and how easily your laugh can make me laugh. From grade 8 mornings spent on creating a trampoline house, to snowy treks, to studies spent listening to your songs and of course your insane dreams. You're such a quirk-who else would mashup a maternity ward and a restaurant! No matter how far away we might be in the next years, I'll never let our friendship fade. **Ali.**

EMILY BLOKKER-DALQUIST

Years at GNS: Lifer
Nickname: Fly
Ambition: Becoming the Tahitian Pearl Ambassadress and seducing a well-aged Sean Bean.
Probably Destiny: Ending up at the Contact Beehive Of Vernal Nursing Home in Utah with LC, Leanne, and Julian with a rifle on my lap.
Comments: Dear sister, you have been a comforting and fantastic friend for me. You are such a fun and creative person that I can't help but laugh at some point while being with you. I hope to see you again really soon and know I've always got your back! Brotherly love! **RN** How can I begin to say how much I adore you. I have treasured every single moment being your friend and I hope we can grow old and withered together with many cats. Good luck in everything you do, even though I know you don't need it. And I love you **LW** I can't imagine the school without you. You've made it so much more amusing and it reminds me that I shouldn't be taking life too seriously. I've loved everything you've been apart of from our attempt at rowing a boat at Shawnigan, to ranting about how the writers of Finding Nemo stole your idea. Thanks for being the charismatic person that you are! Cheers! **LP** Oh Fly! Formerly known as Buster, but we can just forget about that...knowing you since Kindergarten has been very awesome! There's just one thing I've always wanted to tell you: Fly, open up the part of you that wants to hide away. You can shine, forget about the reasons why you can't in life, and start to try, cause it's your time, time to fly! **MS**

NICOLE BOTTLES

Years at GNS: 8
Comments: There is nobody else whom I have had as many amazing memories with. You are an amazing person who is so strong and hilarious! I'll always love everything about you, your scary hard throws, unforgettable hugs and your gorgeous hair. You will be my best friend forever and are destined to have an amazing future! **Jessica** I can't explain how much I missed you and I'm thrilled you're back in town, even closer to my house! Thanks so much for all the memories in choir, in Seattle, and baking with you. Cheers to a happy life ahead and good times to come. **Lisa** French Horn love, choir love, Seattle love, everything's been amazing! I'm so proud of you and love you to tiny little bits. Curly girls forever! Love, **Sarah** I can't believe it's already been two years since I first met you! Your cheerful and kind personality truly helped me a lot to get used to GNS. Thank you for being who you are :) **Peggy** Nicole, I love spending time with you so much! Seeing you always cheers up my day and I hope to keep in touch with you! Thank you for being so kind and friendly, I will miss you! Anat You will always be my Bus Buddy. You've been so strong and beautiful through everything, no matter what life has thrown your way. You'll always be my cooky, Nicole. Lung-O-Vung-E, **Cocoa** Niccy-cita! Girl, I miss you so badly. I hope you go to the moon and back with your endeavours, and keep on being the optimistic person you always have been through thick and thin. Love, **Stray** I can't believe that we are already heading toward the end of grade 12. You are a remarkable friend who's smart and funny and whose strength goes beyond words. No matter where you end up in the future never lose your Nicole-ness and keep being inspirational! **Mika**

CALLUM BOTTRELL

Years at GNS: Lifer
Nicknames: C-BOT, bear
A few last words: I'm not ashamed to admit that the support from my friends and family is what pulled me through my last few years. Without their love and kindness I would not be who I am today. I cherish the years of my life that I have lived and look forward to the years that will come where I can truly pursue my passions. I am like a spark in a dark room. By the time you notice me I am gone but still have the potential to start a fire and leave my warmth and my light with the ones who will take it.
Comments: Callum, what can I say... your a really awesome guy, I can never thank you enough for the kindness and friendship you've given to me. **Max P.** Just because we put rotten milk in the mashed potatoes doesn't mean they are inedible, just spoon out the bad parts, always remember that. <3 + stay chill. **Sam C.** You are the most honest, upstanding person I know. So much of what we've shared cant be described in words, so I'll just say that Gr. 11-12 has been hilarious, hyphy and hands down my happiest part of high school. **Liam**

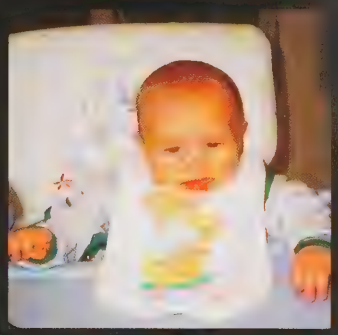
FLORA BRODIE

Years at GNS: 11
Nicknames: Flo,Flobo,Fro Brodie,Aunt Flo,Flobs,Flora Bean, Brodie!
Favorite Quote: The more you give the more you get.
Ambition: To have a joyful and successful life.
Comments: You are out of this world crazy and I wouldn't have you any other way. We've shared and seen it all together girl. I know the best is still yet to come and that we shall remain like two peas in a pod until we are actually old! You complete my life, love always and forever, **BA** Flo! It's been lots of fun hanging out with you over the years. We've had lots of good times on trips to Hornby, and Narnia. It's nice knowing a sweet funny girl like you. Hope you really enjoy Vancouver next. I'll possibly be there with you but if not I'll be sure to visit. Love **TT** You have been such an important person for me Flora. You gave me permission to be myself, I grew a lot with you. You're such an incredible friend and person. I know that whatever happens you'll be able to handle it because you're so strong and you encourage others to be the same. You'll bring laughter to whomever you meet and that's something truly special. Love you always, **RF** Flo, I'm so glad we had a chance to become best friends over this past year, and though our paths are taking us in different directions, I hope we remain close forever. Maybe with some luck I can do something worthwhile with my life, but I know you'll blossom just like the flower that you are, and become whatever you want to be. Love, **AF** Flora! You're so talented and I know you'll do well with your creativity! Thanks for being such a great friend, I enjoy spending time with you! You are so caring and nice and fun to be around! **ZA**

HADEN CAMPBELL

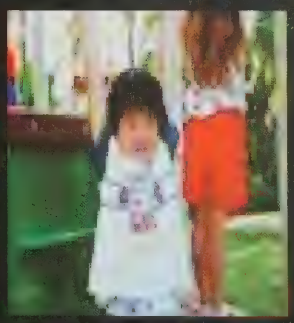
Years at GNS: Lifer

Comments: Haden-frickin-Campbell…despite what people say you are nice kid. Some might say you are simple…SJ (simple jack)!!! You are probably the central pillar of our bro-crew. Always stepping up the game when the going is slow, down for anything anytime. Classic times had at the Campbell residence…especially your mom's back in the day!!! I will never forgive you for bringing those hussies to my house in the summer. LET'S WATCH A SCARY MOVIE!! FIGHT CLUB! FIGHT CLUB!! Good times all around with the bois though. Chea chea wiki wiki boom boom. I'm out. Dragon this is nighthawk speaking, hopefully we'll be reppin it in sun together. Maybe even start a fight or two with like 20 kids playing some dice game at the beach.



PEGGY CHEN

Years at GNS: 3
Best memories: PE 11 outing, grad retreat :)
Personal Heroes: The Korean girls Dance Crew!
Comments: Peggy, I'm so happy that we became friends over the past few years because I truly would've been missing out if I hadn't. You are a really great girl and just a great person in general. Best of luck with your future and I'm sure you will get wherever it is you want to go. **MA** Of all the people to suffer through summer physics with I'm glad I had you. You should keep finding solo opportunities because your last one was definitely worth the stress. **IP** I can't believe how fast time goes by. It's been almost 5 years since we met. You're like my sister now! I don't know what my school is going to be like without you next year :(Wherever you go, we MUST keep in touch! Wish you the best!! **JW** Peggy! I know I stressed you out often as I was being what I am. Thanks for hanging in there despite all the annoyance. You've been the most pleasant person to talk to! Keep in touch. **BH** I am glad that we came to GNS together because I got to know you better. Although after graduation, we would be going on with our separate lives, I hope we still keep in touch. Thank you so much for always being there for me, and being such a great friend. I'll miss you. **JY** Thank you for putting up with my fascination with Asian pens and your totally awesome room. I wish we had IB Bio together for both years, but at least I got to be in the same hallway as you, and had at least one class with you. Have a ton of fun next year! **RA**



ROY CHO

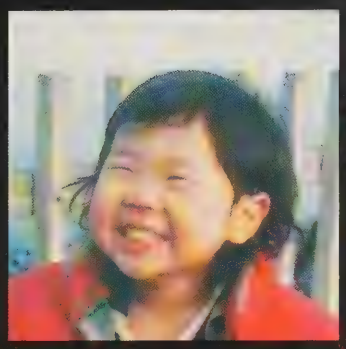
Years at GNS: 7
Nicknames: Roy-Boy, Cho-Cho train, Big R, That Asian Guy
Best memories: What are you talking about! All of GNS was great!
Comments: Royboy! You are such a wonderful friend to me…thanks so much for all your help! So many awesome memories…how crazy fast the time goes by? Good luck darlin! Love, **NB** Roy, it's been good to see your smiling face matched with your dark humour. Too bad our plans for Europe fell through, that may still happen in the future...Your greatest moment had to be "my name is Candy". It has been intense to see you cut corners with projects etc. and be lazy while still being fine. It's been good times loitering with you as well. **EL** Roy-boy! Cho-cho train! Who's going to constantly smile and keep my days bright next year? Thanks for being the comedy relief on so many occasions. Good luck in the future, I know you and your artwork will go far. **LP** Roy Cho, don't you ever lose the Chohawk. I love how you never stop smiling and I'll always remember the awesome j-bizz rehearsals, Hawaii, and of course math class You'd better make good use of that piano hat after jazz band's done. **ST** It's been good my old friend, playing black jack on the beach in grade 7, going back in grade 10 and finding our old math books, the perfect day, the Hawaii trip and of course many hours of boning. But I will leave you with one last thought…CRACK!!! **MP** Roy, Our shenanigans have been too many and too long to recount, though each and every one awesome. You are one of my closest friends, and I'm thankful we have gone through everything together. Remember, stay perky **AF**

MIKA BO YOON CHOI

Years at GNS: 9
Comments: From the 'Sisterhood', to the Disneyland Trip, to trucking through IB to our graduation, you've always been around for me with cool advice. Keep in touch while you're off partying in NY! **Lana** What a ride! You are such a wonderful friend, and your energy and smartness never cease to surprise me! I know you'll do incredible things in life. **Nicole** Please do this world a favour and run for Ruler of the World! Thank you for being the incredible girl you have become and promise me you'll never change! **Lisa** You've always been such a great, nice, and close friend of mine, and I can't explain how grateful I am. Keep doing what you believe in. **Akira** Thanks for always being rational and for keeping me on my toes. You've been a great friend, one that I can always rely on. Good luck at Cornell you smartypants! **Coke** I can honestly say that I have no idea how I would have gotten through IB without you. You are the greatest friend, and I will fo sho be your maid of honor one day... I LOVE YOU! **Carys** "It's business time" is the phrase that comes to mind. Your perseverance is admirable ... but scary too. All the best next year! **Fabian** Thanks for being such an amazing friend. I don't know what I would have done without you. So, when you're making millions of dollars and own a huge chain of hotels, don't forget about me! **KD** We've been friends for so long, and despite our different paths, we are still friends…which for some reason seems to amaze everyone. I'll miss you a lot and hope we keep in touch! **Melissa** You have been such a great person to work with. I know your Cornell peers will soon discover this too – just try not to be too bossy. And now that school has finished I shall have to teach you how to relax! **Gilly**

JENNIFER CHOI

Years at GNS: 5
Personal Heroes: My Parents
Comments: You were the first person I met at GNS, and will always be the first person I will think of when I look back on my days at GNS. You are so sweet, so smart, so... everything! I will miss our sudden outbursts of ranting and anger, who will I be able to talk to like that next year?! Keep in touch, **CP** Kelowna, you are such a crazy, fun, talented and genuine friend. I can't describe how glad I am that we got to know each other – who would I have learned Korean from without you!? Your flustered laugh and spastic dancing will keep in my memories forever. I love you, **AS** Julia! I'd like to thank mathematics for our friendship, which has been years of hyper moments. I hope we see a lot of each other in the future, probably on a Korean Dance Show or on YouTube watching you derive. Even though you have horrible stories and fall over a lot, those are the things I will miss the most about you. Sa Rang Hae! **BM** Jenn! I'm going to miss our ticket selling days, and getting ready for dances at the school. You were my first friend at GNS, and I know we'll be friends for so much longer. I know whichever school you end up at will be great! Il y en a! Love, **Cousins** I've loved all the time we spent together talking at lunch, whispering in choir, and staying up late in Hawaii. Thanks for being the kind, adorable, friend that you are. **LP** Jenn! Sweet, cute, hilarious, smart… I could go on. Love your dance moves, when you get on stage a hot Jenn comes on. I will always remember the suction cup on your head, basically you gave yourself a hicky haha. You're an incredible girl and I know your future will be marvelous. Love, **JP**

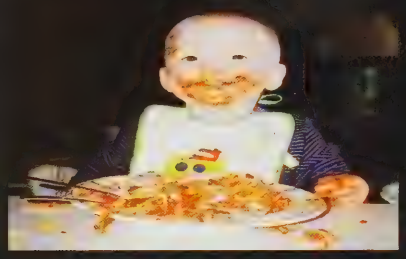


GABRIELLE CICERI

Years at GNS: 7
Comments: You mean so much to me. You're such a strong person, as we witnessed when you smashed a window trying to kill that bee. Your ability to share your knowledge, even to cab drivers on the way to colonist cup, is something I truly admire. As a member of your family, we will be a big part of each other's future, as we we're a big part of each other past. Love, **BM**. Garfunkel, just like I told you that fateful, grade six day where we banded together on a soccer field, your friendship is like a fossil. I never would've made it through basketball without you. You know how much you mean to me, so what do I say here? I love you, keep on being that promiscuous girl I know. Love, **Petunia**. All I can say is that I will never forget you; you are my friend, sister, guardian, protector, and everything in between. I love you, always, **Kwistopher** I'll treasure my memories with you forever: Winter break in your old basement, summer watching heroes, dying of laughter when imitating people's mannerisms and matching people with animals. I'll miss you so much. We've always talked about how opposite we are, so I'm going to go ahead and agree with whoever said that opposites attract, **AS** There are few things I enjoy more than always being there for you. Our bonding times in ladybug and just being lazy are things I'll remember forever. You've been my rock and I can't wait for our times next year. I love you, **AM** Beatrice, you have been a bold loving compassionate sister for years and Mom, Dad and I all love you very much. I don't know what I'm going to do without you but I do know that our relationship can never break, **Blankie**

SAM COULTER

Years at GNS: 12
Comments: Oh Sam! You are such a funny, great guy! It's been some good times with the parties, chit chats, and the joking around. I'll miss you a ton and don't forget to become famous! **MS** My brother. Thank god you're going to Vancouver. If you were going any farther I wouldn't be able to come visit you. See you in the years to come. **SA** Oh my dear snuggle butt, let me tell you something that I don't think I could ever articulate verbally to you. You've been an intrinsic part of my life. Through our tumultuous times and our fun times, there's one thing that's remained constant about you; you ARE a good guy. I got ch'yo back dude. **FBD** You have good form, a good brain and probably a good family. You can pull off wearing #1 dress everyday better than mike ever could. "It's like....and then...I don't even know. My knapsack is just sitting here." You just said that. Remember that moment forever. **LM** Guys like you and me will never stop dancing! Keep your cool and keep your head, it'll take you places. I wanna know where life takes you. **CB** Sam, your a really cool guy, I don't know what will become of us but I will always have a place for you as my friend. 34 87 105 116 104 111 117 116 NULL 101 120 99 101 112 116 105 111 110 58 NULL 101 118 101 114 121 NULL 114 117 108 101 NULL 104 97 115 NULL 97 110 NULL 101 120 99 101 112 116 105 111 110 34 NULL 45 NULL 83 97 109 NULL 67 111 117 108 116 101 114 NULL 34 84 104 101 NULL 111 110 108 121 NULL 103 111 111 100 NULL 105 115 NULL 107 110 111 119 108 101 100 103 101 44 NULL 97 110 100 NULL 116 104 101 NULL 111 110 108



LAURA COUSINS

Years at GNS: 4
Nicknaems: Cousins, Lcuz, Anna
Favourite Quote: "And he that acts as wise men ought / But lives, as saints have died, a martyr." - Lord Byron
Comments: I can't express enough what a truly great friend you are. I am so happy that our friendship has grown so much over the past few years. You are always smiling, caring and smart, which is why I know you'll go far and deserve the best. I hope we keep in touch next year, and maybe we should crash one of the school dances and collect tickets at the door like we used to. You do the money and I do the stamp. Sounds good? I think so. Love, **Jenn**
Laura, we go so far back, like almost three FULL years!! It all started in IT when I ditched you for that project, I'm sorry I was having surgery. But now we're SUCH good friends and you're are such a sweet, and honest person. PARENT TRAP EVERYDAY! **Davis**
LCUZ! You are such an amazing friend! We have had so many good times, We get a long so well, mostly because your positive outlook on life and sweet personality always cheers me up on a cloudy day! I will miss you so much, it's crazy! I can truly say you are one of the best friends I've ever had. I LOVE YOU! **Carys**
Anna, we've been friends from the first time I got here in grade 10, and have only become closer. Bio would not have been as much fun if I hadn't had you to help me through. I'm not sure what I'm going to do next year without you. Have fun next year, we have to stay in touch! Love you, **Betsey**

ELIZABETH DAVIS

Years at GNS: 3
Besst Memories: Throughout the past 3 years at GNS I have made life long friends. It's been a blast. Thank you to all of my teachers helping me get through, I've enjoyed most of my classes - Bio was by far the best, thanks for making it amazing Mr. Zuk. It's been wicked awesome GNS, see you in the future!
Comments: Betsey, 3 years of being friends and going to school together and now we're grading! Thanks for being the best bio buddy ever, even if neither of us ever managed to touch that pig! You are always super fun and I loved playing on teams with you and just hanging out. I'll visit you whenever I get back and you better come and see me too! Love always, **LC** Twin, You're the only person who has gone through it all with me and I'm glad it's been you by my side. I guess I have to say it, but I'll miss being in school with you :) You are an amazing girl and I'll always love you! Your twin **Joe H** My time at high school wouldn't have been the same had you not been there. From meeting "Larry" to exchanging sob stories, and everything in between, you've been there through it all and I really appreciate it. Even though high school is over, our friendship most definitely is not. Love always, **FM** Liz Biz the past couple of years have been a roller coaster and I'm glad I've been on it with you. We've had our ups and downs, I know, but our friendship has stayed strong. I can't wait to have more memories with you, thanks for the countless rides and friendly talks. You have made my high school days unforgettable. Love, **Kev**

KIMMY DAVIS

Years at GNS: 3
Favourite Quote: "I'd rather be a little thing climbing up than a big thing tumbling down."
"For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past." Philippians 1:20
Comments: Kimball, you make me smile. We've had some great chats and good laughs. You are so unique and funny and wonderful. You are caring and sincere and it has been so nice knowing you. I know whatever you do, you will pwn it. **LR** Snimmy! Sni snam snoing sno sniss snaving snou snround snall snhe snime. Sni snove snou snore snhan snou snow! **Snour sniwn**. It's been excellent times playing tennis and we will resume our playing! **C-PAIN OUT** KIMSTA, you are a person who has the ability to make me smile under all circumstances. You have an amazing personality and getting to know you over the past couple of years have been amazing. I can't wait to be with you next year as well! **KE** Kimmy from the first English class, to boating, to the Parent Trap, you have always been such a good friend. **LC** Whenever I come up with a ridiculous idea I immediately anticipate what your response will be when I talk to you about it. The more I get to know you the more I enjoy the subtle sarcasm you have towards almost everything I say. remember, it's better Unfabulous. **Max** Kim-bah-lee, these past few years you have made my time in high school so much more fun. You're a great friend, a great laugh, and you finally gave my eraser someone to be friends with. I'll never forget all of our times together, and I have no doubt there are more to come. Love, **Kirkers**

CHRISTIAN DECLARE

Years at GNS: 6
Comments: Throughout the last couple of years you have been one of my closest friends. I hope you never lose your funny charismatic attitude. Good luck in the future and I hope to see-you at UVic. love you man. **Devo** CDC, my young English friend. The years we take off each other's lives is my favorite thing about hanging out. We owned the turf this year buddy. Frick and Frack we keep it positive all the time. I love our bro songs. – **Frack**. Christian de Clare, I have had countless memories with you (Pender, Parksvile, I'm sure you can fill in the blanks) and I know they will only get better. You are someone I can always count on no matter what the circumstance. I have the logic, simple math, and the line, I feel bad... cause we will be brothers forever, lets lock and load-**KE** C-train, you know I always got your back in some pong, we always rep it hella, you know how it is, many more bro-seshes are to come, lots of game-cube, and tight polo's obviously popped, you know how it is, getting ladies all the time is basically our thing. Btw... Cash Money..... Reckless love **C-pain**. You could not be more predictable to me, since we go WAYYY back to the days where you were the head boy of the middle school. Who knew I'd actually end up coming to GNS and be part of the legendary bro-crew. We be reppin' years down the road sippin' juice. -**JP** THE CDC! That's all I can really say about you seeing as your way to legit for everyone, haha but definitely tons of GT's had in these 4 years. Broski its been way to much fun with you. Word Up in The OB!- **Sambo**

AMANDEEP DULKU

Years at GNS: 6
Comments: As a great friend and person you always found a way to make school too funny to be painful. Your humour and big heart combined make you an awesome friend. While I never figured where the whole conspiracy idea – stuff came from, it was certainly one of the highlights of the year with The Assault. I hope you have as great a time in Uvic as you had at GNS, you will be missed! **FK**

BRITTANNY DZIOBA

Years at GNS: 4
Ambition: To be a fashion photographer and freelance journalist.
Comments: Britt Dzioba, I seriously don't know where to begin, we have had the most meaningful of times it simply can't be explained in words. We already know about the mischief we got into all of grade 11 and through the summer. From talks at willows and taking it easy to car rally and nights we will never forget! Now we're here, leaving each other to go onto two separate lives, and I couldn't be happier with the way life has panned out for you. You have an indescribable character; I know you have the potential to move mountains. Love always, I'm always here for you, **EH** I don't think I would have survived High School without you. You changed my life from that first time we sat in the hallway eating our lunch together. You are probably one of the most interesting people I know and I have learned so much about myself from knowing you. Your spirit will carry you far in life, I guarantee it. With love, **LW** Britt, you are one of the most dynamic people I have ever met! You have such a vibrant exciting energy about you that rubs off on me and always gives a smile. I hope that you don't stray too far away as I too hope we will have a chance to collaborate at some point. Have a great life and I send you my best! Love, **RN** I don't know what I would've done in some of my classes if I didn't have you right there alongside me. From grade 9 all through till now, you've always known the right thing to say to put a smile on my face. Have an awesome time wherever adventure leads you. Love you! **MS**

KEVIN EADE

Years at GNS: 12
Comments: Brother, I've enjoyed living with you for the duration of high school. It's been pretty amazing time with Larry and you I have to say. You're the best buddy, I love you AM Benedict, thank you for taking care of me, through a torn ACL, teary eyed phone calls about boys or family and my insecurities. Our friendship started with Beatrice and Benedict and moved from there. To late night sleepovers, loud stories, Anna, and singstar, I know our friendship will only get stronger with distance. I love you, I couldn't have survived high school without my blankie. **GC** Kevin, your astonishing looks and singing voice will take you far. I can't even begin to count how many hilarious times we have had together. It seems like yesterday I got off that plane from England and sparked this friendship with you. Love you Bro, **CDC** K-man, these past years have been great, and I'm so glad we've become friends. I can always count on you for a good laugh or just someone to talk to. Good luck in wherever life takes you, I know you'll make the best of what you do. I'll miss you, **FM** Man, times with you these past few years have been pretty ridiculous. It's safe to say we have made good use of our time. You are going to do wonders on the stage. Love, **SH** Kev, you're such a great friend and we're going to have so much fun this next year. You really are an amazing person, so keep it up! **Kimsta** Kevin, I love you man. I'm really glad we became friends a few years ago and I know we will be for years to come. I'm going to miss you next year but we'll ream hard in the summer and when I get back. Good luck with whatever life brings you. Love, **SJ**

ELSPETH EASTON

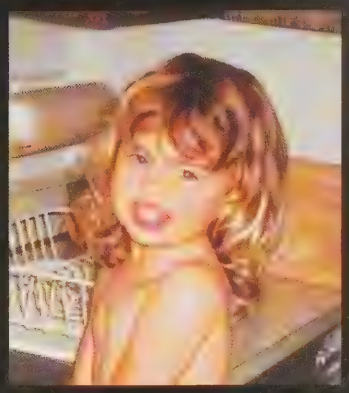
Years at GNS: Lifer
Favourite Qoute: "Love is not finding the perfect person; instead it is finding the imperfect person perfectly."
Best Memories: very moment with the Goons, Debating with Colleen, and Public speaking with Brendan, Grade 6 basketball, Mr. Baty's classroom at lunch and the Sisterhood.
Comments: I will always think of you when you and I would for no reason kill ourselves laughing **JP.** The flashlight, the sleepovers, the long years of advice and the occasional slap in the face…I think I needed them all. Keep doing what you love **IP**. From baby ballet almost 15 years ago until now… We've spent many great moments and years together. I hope your time in university is excellent. Love, **TS**. I've known you since I was 5 and suddenly we're about to face the real world. I don't know what I'll do without our weekend mall trips and gossip sessions. We've seen every two-bit town in North America, thanks for being my debate partner **CM**. I don't think you know how much all the coffee runs, late night chats, and 'girl time' meant to me. You will always be my fairy godmother/sister within our incestuous, dysfunctional family. Thanks **HP**. Looking back, we've had some good times, and I will miss you. Make sure you're free when I come home, I'm likely to stop over when you least expect me **HM.** You have extended me the hand of friendship and put up with so many irritating things. To my most favourite public speaking buddy, I assure that your friendly and loving nature will allow you to continue to supply many people with toast. **BK**

ARYA FORGHANI

Years at GNS: Lifer
Best Memories: the beach campus, beach wars, free time in kindergarten, full class detentions, rowing to Jimmy Chicken Island, the DANGER playground, math blaster, sword fighting at Sam's house, Friday Morning live, graduating to the big kids school, playing guitar in the coat room during lunch, not liking girls, liking girls, becoming a big kid, having sideburns, the Halloween dances, Stairway to Heaven, Dark Side of the Moon, Mr. Irvine's friendly abuse, being in a high school band, grade 9 talent show, Callum's VW bus, jamming at Max's for hours and hours, jamming in the band room, rowing, regattas, basketball trips, dinner with Flo's family, graphic design, Purple Gardens, Peacocks, cruising Victoria, CSS, playing guitar in Ms. Bedell's room, homework club, sleeping in class, graduating
Personal Heroes: Rocky, Jimmy Page, Bob Marley, George Orwell
Favourite Quote: "One good thing about music, when it hits, you feel no pain." -BM
Comments: Arya; honestly you are one of the most talented guys i have ever met! I am proud to say that you are my best friend. You will always bring a smile to my face and at most times, laughter. I have had such a good time with you this year and last year in graphic design its beyond words. I know that i can always count on you to be there for me. Love, your suga -**Flo**

RACHEL FOSTER

Years at GNS: 5
Best Memories: Choir trip to Seattle, Hornby Island summers, sleepovers, History class with Mrs. Bruce-Lockhart, Writing with Mr. Lundgren, Mrs. Chatterton, and Mr. Collett, dances, service trip to Thailand, talent shows, seeing Eileen, Mrs. McKerlich, Mrs. Wolsak, Mrs. Bedell, David Graham, and too many others. Homeforms with Dr. Topic.
Favourite Quote: "Take out ma gun, punch you in the face." - Flora Brodie
Comments: You've always been there through good, bad, crazy; you've seen absolutely everything! I don't know what I would have done with out you, I can't imagine where I would be today without your unconditional support, love, strength and endless positivity. Thanks and sending love to you always, **BA** You are the most kind, hilarious, and prettiest girl. You will always bring joy when we are together. I will never forget our first sleepover, and the summers on Hornby. I will miss you. Love, **FB** Rachel. You are the person that has made so many amazing memories for me. I would not have been able to survive the insanely crazy time of high school without you. From hairy legs to uncontrollable giggle fits… I hope your wonderful heart and laugh will follow you through the amazing years to come. Love, **JP** Thanks for being such a great friend. I will never forget the times we've spent together! You are amazing and I admire so much about you! **AK** These past three years have been amazing, but they would not have been nearly as awesome without you! I hope you have a great time wherever you go off to, I'll miss you! Love, **ZA**



JAMES GILMOUR

Years at GNS: 6
Nickname: Gilly
Best Memory: The ample supply of cake at group IV...Akira had a plentiful birthday.
Ambition: To attain a job where people do my work for me, and I still get paid well. A man can hope...
Comments: Gilly! I know that working with me can be the hardest thing in the world and I sincerely apologize for that. And I must thank you for the lack of complaints and all the help you've given me (especially in Math). You and I both know that you are amazingly smart and will succeed with whatever you undertake in the future. Good luck next year and make sure you keep in touch **MC**. Oh hot dam! This is my jam! Strange as it may seem, I feel like I might miss you next year...very weird. I think that you are very awesome and I'm glad that we are friends :) Hope your life turns out magnificent, and you better not forget me! :) **MS** Girry-san, you're pretty annoying, but I guess I like you anyway. We've had some pretty good times at parties, in Japan (especially ordering Beef-Currah) and of course our numerous shopping sprees and pillow fights! See you in the summer and good luck next year bud. **TS** Hey man, these past few years knowing you have been great. Thanks for always explaining the confusing concepts of chem and math to me, and thanks for making high school a lot more fun, all the LAN's, late night gaming, and partying that we have done have been awesome. The good times better continue! **Mike**

DOREEN "DOBBY" GORDON

Years at GNS: Lifer
Comments: I'm so glad I got to see you in homeform and classes. You always brought this incredible energy into a room and I can't thank you enough. I can't wait to see you in the future with a successful career in acting. Te amo! **LP** Dobbita! ¡Te quiro ya! It has been absolutely wonderful being your friend! You are such a wonderful, bright light, and you make me laugh! I can tell we'll be friends for a long time. Thanks for keeping me in stitches and bringing me up when I'm low. Your support keeps me going! **NB** DOBBY! I have had so many good memories with you :) You are one exciting person who is always up for anything! I can't wait to go to VFS with you next year! We are going to have so much fun with so many more great memories to come! **ZA** You're one of the sweetest people I know. I have such honour in meeting you 13 year ago. We've had many splendid moment in Mexico! Upon to you I hope for many happy times and good luck in Vancouver. **TS** Hey girl! You are so wonderful and I want to thank you for everything. Always being there for me through everything and helping me with every situation :) I couldn't ask for a better friend! That's why I love you so much. Jersey Shore 2014!! **MS** Dobbsies we have had fantabulous times together especially in Camp Narnia, Mexico and Italy. You are such a kind and friendly girl and you always know how to make people feel better. We will have so much fun in Vancouver next year. I know you'll go far with your acting and singing career. I will never forget you. luv **Flobs!**

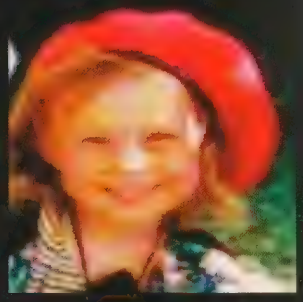
DAVID GRONMYR

Years at GNS: 6
Nicknames: Gronny, McBuff, Johhny Bravo, Donkey Kong
Ambition: To become a police officer and help people (despite what Mr. Baty thinks).
Probable Destiny: Pulling over my old teachers to discuss certain marks on certain tests from 10 years before.
Personal Hero: My reflection in the mirror.
Best Memories: Harassing Mr. Williams, Rugby, Sailing, contrasting opinions in Baty's English class, sleeping in the Library, Biology class, being the strong man for the little kids in the middle school play, and walking around with a shirt slightly too small for me.
Comments: It's been an interesting few years and you rarely fail to surprise me. I hope the future years are good to you, whatever you end up doing, though I hope it doesn't involve too much fun :) **IP** YEAH BUDDY! So many good times discussing boys and sports and sports and boys. To my most favourite guy to talk about musculature with, I hope that your massive biceps will allow you so succeed in everything you ever try to do ever. Perhaps one day life will lead you to the squat rack but that's another story for another time. I wish you the best of luck in your career as a crime fighting man of science. We'll make it to the gym together some day; I promise. **BK**

EMILY HARRIS

Years at GNS: 10

Comments: It has been a wonderful 8 years full of insane adventures & crazy memories. I couldn't ask for a better best friend. You are an amazing human being and thank-you for being there and being the beautiful girl you are. You will go far in life, in every way possible. Love you, **Lenny.** Emily, I couldn't be more proud of the amazing person I watched you become. We always had a bond, always will. We've grown together, and I'm so lucky to have you in my life. You're rad. Love, **Maj**. I don't even know where to begin! Life without you would have been so much less colourful. You're going to move mountains kid! Love you forever and I'll always cherish the times we've had **Britt** Em, my longest girl even when I was short & fat in grade 6, what a true friend. Thanks for being there for me every year it's meant a lot. I can't wait to grad with you & I know we will have many more memories to come, love **Kevin**. Emily Harris, a girl that flaunts a quiet air of beauty, grace and confidence. Ever the optimist, you have a nack for making me look on the bright side even when things don't seem that bright. With your quirky and outgoing nature there will never be a dull moment. You are a true friend and will go far. Good Luck, **Nick**. Em, I know I have my weird moments, and even less frequently my normal moments, but you have never judged me. You are truly one of the most beautiful people I know, inside and out. I love how I have the worm's nest, yet we chose to snuggle most nights. I loved all those nights that plan A failed. BAM. We are polar opposites, sharing only one thing: perfection. I don't have many friends out here, but what I have is better, because I have you. I love you, you will ALWAYS have a friend in me. Love **Caitlin.**



BRANDON KANG HU

Years at GNS: 6

Comments: Your honest, fun-loving character and ease with which you conquered the challenges were a great reminder to me that while academics are important, you are only young once in your life. **FK** Kang! Thanks for putting up with me since gr.7. Wouldn't have been able to make it without you. It was a long journey and I hope you had as much fun as I did. **Mika** Thanks for cheering me up all the time and always being there for me. There are a lot more things I need to thank you for, but I just want to thank you for being such a nice friend. **Peggy** It's been great hanging out with you, playing b-ball…It pisses me off that you never have to show up to math classes but I will forgive you for being such an awesome guy. **Akira** It's been an honor playing on the basketball team with you. The fact that you played through a screwed up ankle and a broken finger is inspirational. You've been a great friend. **KD** Bran, I remember fighting on the outside court during basketball, but this year, we led it out. You are a man without compromise, and that will lead you to greatness. **Fyfe** It really has been fun and you're a great friend! Can't wait to come visit next year! **Kimmy** You were a great leader this year in basketball and definitely deserved that captaincy. Come back and visit so we can put up some shots and catch up. Love you man. **Sambo** I don't even know where to start…group 4, history… You are so much fun and I love spending time with you. Love, **Carys** Babycakes, my neighbs. So many good memories – mostly all beginning with me waking you up in your bed or standing outside scratching on your bedroom door. Last year was our real bonding year, I'm so glad our friendship took off and remains so strong. Love always, **Ali**

DAVID JEONG

Years at GNS: 4
Comments: Turtles! Seem to be what the math-genius thought about a lot in math class. The fact that you were always bored in that course was quite disturbing, until I played you in SC, then I understood what your giant brain was working on. **FK**

ANAT KELERSTEIN

Years at GNS: 4
Nicknames: Anaty, Anatasaurus, Anaticus, Anoot
Comments: You're such a fantastical little lady! I'll miss our chats and your view of life! You always bring a smile to my face -thanks- and I KNOW that you'll soon be a great success and the talk of town! Love always, **Bri** We've had the most amazing times together since I've known you, which feels like a lifetime. Whether it was rowing, Cortez, Sidney Spit, or at your house making Mousse, we've always gotten along well and supported each other through difficult times. You, my dearest, are the best friend a girl could ask for, thank you. **STS** Anat you've been such a special friend. I'm constantly blown away by your thoughtfulness and compassion for others. We've shared a lot these past few years, it's been amazing. Have incredible adventures you artistic, incredible girl! Love you, **RF** Anaty! My love! I'm so lucky to call you my wife Being with you makes me so happy. You are so lovely and wonderful and I couldn't ask for a better wife. Wherever you are and wherever I am, we better keep in contact! I love you **MS** Anat! Time flies when you're having so much fun! You're so much fun and always make me smile! Thanks darlin for all the laughs! **NB** You are wondrous! I will miss you oh so much!! I hope you have an AMAZING time wherever you end up! I know you will do great with all your talent and greatness. You better not forget about me!!! **ZA** My morning bus buddy! I'm so glad I spent those early rainy mornings with you. Stay the sweet spastic person that you are, I couldn't have loved being with you more! **LP**

BRENDAN KELLIHER

Years at GNS: 11
Nicknames: BK, The BK broiler, Special Sauce
Best Memories: Afternoons at shady lane, foxes n'hounds with Mr. Brice, five dollar boat race, public speaking laughs, outdoor ed. trips and Sr. Rugby.
Personal Heroes: Richie McCaw, Muhammad Ali, My Parents
Ambition: Hilarious Rugby Player
Probable Destiny: Hilariously bad rugby player
Comments: 13 years is far too short a time to spend with such an excellent and admirable person! Countless unforgettable rugby talks, and sitting down next to you in kindergarten, and making the best friend I've ever had... If you don't visit me in Switzerland I'm coming out to New Zealand to hunt you down, so save me the trouble :) **HM** I will always remember the length of your legs with respect to your short torso. You also were my favorite person with whom to discus musculature and Gaspari products. Furthermore you are an amazing rugby superstar who stills the enemy with your charming good looks. **DG** Brendan, it was great getting to know your clever and honestly, strange sense of humor over the years. I know your rugby skills as well as many other things will get you far. Enjoy your probably amazing future. Have fun. **JP** Brendan, Our random discussions on inappropriate things were probably the highlight of my year. You are a beast on the rugby field with your short shorts colliding with other men. **NW** Brendan, the years have been kind to us, you're like no one else. All those outdoor ed. memories, rugby and skiing it can never stop. I'll see you out there bud. **MR**

MATTHEW KELLY

Years at GNS: 2
Comments: Ah Calgary, this fork is moving closer on this road and I'm sure you will find yourself involved some way or another in music. And if you get rich and famous never forget the little people! Because little people hold big grudges... you just remember that! Anyways, it's been a pleasure to know you my friend, happy hunting! –**Riley** Hey Matty Kakes! So I hope you have a great time next year...wherever you're off too! Keep t-boning, and playing guitar while making sweet epic faces haha. But the reason I'm really writing a comment for you is to remind you to be safe next year...by staying away from cougars. I just know that you're the perfect prey for them so here are some safety precautions you need to remember ...don't wear your signature red checkered jacket when you are in a area where there could be lingering –**Zoe** Matt its been great getting to know you. I can't believe that it's been only 2 years. We have spent some good times together. Sitting in your basement watching that little kid show, so funny. Going to concerts and watching hockey games. Hope we can keep in touch. –**Bekky** Matthew, over the past few years I've learned some things about you. 1. Your feet smell like cheese; sparky-rogers. 2. Halo, I dominate you. 3. Cookies - you are a monster 4. You should NEVER put Grease in your hair. 5. Lastly and most importantly, you have been a great Friend. We've bonded over many calzones, video games, and just great times in general. You're a great guy, and in the words of a very wise women, (Lizzie Mcguire) "You rock, don't ever change." -**Cameron Rohani**

FABIAN KLIMA

Years at GNS: 3
Comments: Fabian! you are always very hard working and nice. You also have a great ability to play hockey well, even though I've never seen you play. I challenge you to a Starcraft / Starcraft II Match! I always think of Gromit (from the clay animation) when I see you. **David J** Fabian! you always amaze me with the potential and kinetic enegery that you have, which i'm sure you already know very much about. You are always hardworking and I have no doubt that you will be successful in the future. Keep in touch, **Brandon**. Fabiiiii!! Tons of good times this year man, I can't believe we both survived full IB!! Anyway, thanks for all your help this year, it means a lot. I'm going to miss our morning hockey chats man!!! Let's keep in touch, good luck buddy. I'll miss ya. **KD** Fabian…you are an amazing person and you have been a source of inspiration for me. The way with which you are able to always put your best work forward without complaining is something I still need to master. Thanks for putting up with my maniac ways and I wish you all the luck in the world for next year! **Mika**

REBECCA LALLI

Years at GNS: 7
Comments: You are like a cherry flavored bubble, a wonderfully delicious surprise! You've got the biggest heart and you deserve nothing but the best! I hope you get everything that brings you happiness! I'll miss your never ending positivity, love **BA** Bekky! I love you with all of my heart! Being friends with you has made me so happy and I am going to miss you so much next year! **MS** Bekky! You are an amazing individual. Never have I met someone that was so focused on pleasing everyone else that they forgot to take care of their own needs. You've been the only person to consistently be aware of my sensory stuff, and for that I'll be always thankful. **RA** Oh Becksters, you're a pretty super girl. You've got contagious giggles and one of the kindest hearts around. It's been so great having you as a friend. We've had many good, long talks and I'm so happy for that. Thanks for such an incredible time. Love **RF** Becky I'm so glad I went to India with you, we make a great crossing-the-road team. I hope you find everything you need, whether it's in South Africa or elsewhere, I'm sure you could get along with anyone. **IP** Bekky! You're such a sweetheart, never stop! I will miss you! **AK** Becky…you are such a light in this dingy hole we call school. I have had such great times with you. You have a way of just making people feel incredible and I hope you never lose that. Love you and enjoy your future. **JP** Bekky! We have had so many great memories that will definitely last forever. The best times were sitting around doing nothing but laughing together. It's amazing that we are both so crazy and it makes up our beautiful friendship. Party on Wayne. BFC 4 LYF!! **MA**

RYAN LAVALLEE

Years at GNS: 7
Comments: Ryan, what the hell just happened? I think we are graduating, but I feel like I'm missing clumps of time throughout it. But what I can remember is paintballing with u and Hudson, as well as more recently, St. Patrick's Day. I hope you remember more than I do, and I hope you have luck on your next quest. See you soon buddy! Riley Hey you! Thanks so much for keeping me laughing and the bus music suggestions!! Take care. xoxo ~ **Nicole**

JEFF LEE

Years at GNS: 4
Comments: Pay sing, j-pill, jlee, I can't describe how much you've meant to me man. Whether it's listening to our dads bro it, or yukon drives to soccer, sun peaks relaxation, or just generally broing out, it's all been so amazing and I know the future holds a lot in store for us, I'll see you next year buddy. J-Pill, J-pain. before high school me and Alex were a two man wolf pack. I thought that could never change... but then BAM. This Asian kid showed up, and I thought to myself, "could this be true?" and yes, it was, there was another wolf. We're leaving this desert of ours soon but I know, with all my heart this 3 man wolf pack is in it for the long run. Love you lots. chea chea. **SJ**. Jeff I just wanted to lay down the scale... me (C-pain) ... dope.... then you. Fiending the drive by's around OB scoping out the honeys left right and centre all day long, I know we can always watch a scary movie together with 2 girls and sj actually make that fight club... you know what we'll fall asleep where we fall asleep. FEDEX ! OB .. Ahh Jeff Lee, Chuck Bass, Lion King..what can I say? But yeah seriously man, your valuation of this company is way too high so for that reason I am out. *Open a bag of chips*....CRUNCH. I'm gonna miss my Lion and our epic 'red-bull pong' matches. Remember the milk in Kevin's sun room? LOVE YOU-**CDC** Jeffrey, first I want to say thank you for always sticking by me through the good times and the bad. It's been a roller coaster and I wouldn't trade it for anything. Your kindness, and dedication, will take you far. I'll meet you on Saturn. B to the I to the BAM BAM! Love, **CP**

CHRISTOPHER LIFE

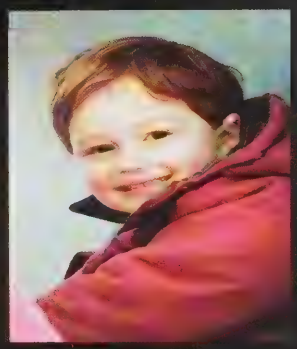
Years at GNS: Lifer
Comments: I gotta say that you are one determined person for actually finishing IB economics.... I think at times you are more motivated and determined than I am... and that's saying alot... Anyhow... just wanted to wish you luck with next year!! **MC**

COLIN LIPPERT

Years at GNS: 3
Comments: What if one day I wasn't joking and I decided to go full out "wanted" you! Probs the best roommate ever since you smell nice! We goin out and gettin some ladies tonight! We be reppin hella down the road. PS. close your eyes... BAM I'm in your head. **JLee** Some of the best times of my life have been spent with you. From the Chacala trip to the many ski days that we have shared together we have always managed to have fun. You are the funniest person I have meet. Good luck in the future. **Devo** YO nighthawk, what up? Its Dragon/SJ here, for sure we'll rep it up in the sun next year. I know it was always me who couldn't choose the restaurants we ate at but thanks for sticking around while I made up my mind. I love you, good luck with whatever life snipes you with. **Dragon out** C-Pain, it's awesome that you play tennis, because it's been a lot of fun! **Kimmy** Captian K, well besides the fact that you are never in the zone... bottom line is I love you, I feel privileged I get to hang out with you. You're so funny. I can't wait for the memories to come. **K-fed** C-pain! You're just one of those guys that when they leave you can never replace them. So many Gt's these years and plenty more coming up. I'll miss you bro, Sambo I feel truly blessed to be granted this chance to write in your comments. Our epic fights over the title and being hungry have been the greatest time ever, our time together in Kev's house has been the best man and more to come. Love you bro. **A-Mahrt** C-pain! Fiendage, G cube, ladies, COLONIST CUP TALKS...to the max! What would you do if I actually just sprinted to that car right now...but I didn't actually! Oh Haden... Anyways, let me know how you feel about this idea, since I love your input. **C-Train out**

ETHAN LUSTIG

Years at GNS:
Best Memories: the Cottage w/ DW+MP; all the gigs, jams, records w/ one-liners society->slipped disk->skeptic->forms->soliloquy; mnemonic study sessions w/ LM; debate trips w/ AK+Baty; Mon Hill sessions and BBQs; the quest for self-knowledge; the band room jams (bleeding hands); JANDEK; talks w/ HW; the literally countless in-jokes w/ MP RC BK LM both DWs; time+space talks w/ everyone; the night drives with DW; Grade 7; DJing the dance; Jazz Band; FILM club; Seabeast; the whole extended lotr trilogy and then trivial pursuit in 24 hours; after-school loitering w/ BK RC; discovering that Ideas are metaphysical and transcend time.
Ambition: To destroy the simulacra
Comments: Ethan – You're honestly the best musician I've ever met in my life. You're a next level cozmikspacemagikalien and playing music with you has been some of the best times of my life. IE: Cornerstone, Jandek etc. Some keywords to throw at you: Age, Tsetse, 6/8, FORMS. Never forget, son. Form W. **WB** You're right; memories are best stored in heads (or massive biceps in our case). But in a word, merry Christmas Mr. Reeves, it shall be eggs, there is a Beast, we need pickles, flying pigs, the Requiem, ball tag, combo, poker, up on the roof, the 15 minute laugh, saunas, films, the elevator, operation 'D', you're so distant, super X, meeds, the muffin, kill everyone, the perfect day, the 63 guys Jaa owned, and the cottage but most of all those deep hot tubs. Many bad things happen in life when you don't deserve them, but you were a good thing that was more than I deserved. It's been an honor Ethan, I could never have asked for more in a friend. **Mike the Huge**. It doesn't matter. **Akira**



ALEX MAHRT

Years at GNS: Lifer
Comments: All I have to say is... do you want a shot at the title? Because I'll give it to you, the question is can you handle it? You'll always be our honorary member man don't you forget that. Oh I almost forgot to mention your pure strength... but I'm sure everyone knows that. Nothing but love for you man **C-pain.** I'd just like to say that you are the worst man I have ever met and will ever meet probably... I'm sticking by that story. People say, oh there is Alex the greatest guy I know! But we both know you are not... same page same page. **FC** Marht I don't know what my adolescent years would have been like without you, from street soccer to the peaks. One word describes it all... LEGENDARY! We both know we'll be reppin it in the future with our boss suits and Rolex watches. **JLee** A-Mahrt, I have almost seen you every day for the past three years and I have no idea how to live without you. You are family and always will be, (my bro) I love you man, I'll miss you. **Kev** Alex my man! Just wanted to say that you take years off my life, and that all these years, I have always enjoyed your company. You're an unbelievable person and I'm really gonna miss you next year... Every time I look for you the sun goes down. BLINK 182...Love, **Frick** Alexio, thank you for pampering me, I know you get the ladies but those long mornings watching soccer, and lying on your pillowy thighs were good times. I'm going to miss ladybug and yuki... maybe even Rod Marht, more than you but you come a close fourth. I love you with all my heart, my little boy, don't ever grow up. **GC**

KARANDEEP MANAK

Years at GNS: 6

Comments: The story of Fyfe and KD is like that of batman and robin or peanut butter and jelly. It has always just worked. I love you, you are a great friend. Every step of high school has been with you. Basketball, shoot and rebound, everything. Crying together at provincials, laughing together at Peter Chao or Russell Peters, we've seen it all. PS. I've got a best man spot reserved for you when I get married, if I don't end up spending the rest of my life with you, **Fyfe** KD, I'll miss you so much from playing basketball to tackling you into the lockers it's been fun. Love you bro, **Sambo** KD I hope we stay in touch after grad, and I wish you all the best in the future. Thanks for being a great friend! Judy I don't know if I can put into words how much you mean to me, let alone how many good times we've had... But what I can say is you're the best, and I hope Welch's have a whole new meaning to you now! I don't know what I'll do without you next year, but I know that whatever you choose to do you will succeed! Don't forget me. Love, **C**. I had so much fun playing basketball in the team with you man. I would never have wanted a better roomy than you. Although there were ups and downs, I feel very fortunate to have you as a friend. Keep in touch. **Bran** The athletic leadership of the school rested upon your shoulders in the last year of our high school career. As a great friend and cheerful classmate the IB just became a tad easier. **Fabian** KD! It's been really fun few years. I'm glad I got to have a friend like you. Thank you for everything and I look forward to seeing you in a sharp suit as a successful businessman at my hotel. **Mika**

FIONA MATHIESON

Years at GNS: 11

Comments: Fechilliwawa, since the fall of our band, our friendship has only grown stronger. You're such a talented person, from holding Christina Aguilera's long notes, to dodging cars at Shawny. I love how we work together – I cut your hair and you teach me to hyper laugh. I hope the rest of your days in captivation get better. Catch up with ya lata bra! **BM** You are the feefers to my gabo-chang, and petunia to my cinderblock. I don't know what I'll do without you next year. You're my best friend, and you've taught me so much…Synchronized swimming, how to be a promiscuous girl and how to cry at bad movies. If we made it through hell on earth, we can make it through different time zones. We will be Mary-Kate and Ashley forever. **GC** Paul, this year has been the best, thanks to you. From class, to sports and just hanging out we've become much closer. You not being here next year is a HUGE issue! I'll miss you. Love **Joe**. Lobsty, with charades games or you trying to convince me you could fly, this is too unreal. You are the one person I can exchange a single glance with and know we're on the same page. I once told you that even if you moved planets you couldn't lose me. Moving cities shouldn't be so hard. If you could see me now, I'd be doing the goodbye dance. Love, **AS** It began bonding over Mariah Carey and blossomed into 'playing' noodle bodies and talking about the most serious and silliest of things. Goalying together, and countless locker walks, we've held hands for high school but the time has come to move on, Yvonne. Love always, **LR** Our friendship has bloomed, and because of that this year has been great! I look forward to coming to see you on your birthday next year! **Twin 2**

COLLEEN MCCUTHCEON

Years at GNS: Lifer
Ambition: To be the next JK Rowling
Favourite Quotes: "A person's a person. No matter how small." - Dr. Seuss
Comments: You're such a smart and outgoing person. It makes me smile whenever I hear you argue! Your fun-loving nature, honesty and trustworthiness make you such a great friend. **CP** You've been my life coach for the past few years. You made my life so much more interesting – mocking the Count of Monte Cristo's nose, trying to avoid PE… Thanks so much for educating me in music and the ways of life. **LP** Forever the 'short' friend, but never lost for words or a listening ear. I hope you keep all your spunk, your love of the Doctor & that we find a chance to party it up debate-style in the future. **IP** Carleen! You complete me. I love you so much. High school would have been deadly without you. You're my favourite and I'm eternally grateful for you putting up with me these past 4 years. **BP** HOT CHOCOLATE! Buffy, Hawaiian parties, really productive study sessions, titanic… You're so much fun and I'll never forget you. I can't wait to see you become the president of the United States. Love, **JP** It feels like last week we were eating crack doughnuts at lunch, laughing in Windy house! Lung-o-vung-e! **NB** We started in Gr. 4 in Mrs. Morehen's class and in a few months time we graduate together. You've been a wonderful friend whose smiling face greeted me every morning. Never lose your optimism and your sense of humour. **MC** You're the most amazing person I know and words can't possibly explain how much you mean to me. Good luck, go amaze the rest of the world and show them how incredible you truly are. Love you forever! **FMM**

LINDSAY MCCUTCHEON

Years at GNS: 5
Nicknames: Someone accidentally called me Roscoe once. I corrected them.
Favourite Quote: Only blood for blood will cleanse these wounds. This is the sort of grammar up with which I will not put.
Comments: Lindsay Babe, go back home and get your sexy accent back. Life just won't be the same without seeing you almost every day. You can bet I'll visit you down under though ;) Stay awesome. **Sam**
You're totally outrageous, you have this talent of making everything seem absolutely ridiculous and I'll miss that! All the best next year and hopefully we shall meet again my friend! **Bri** Good Day Lindsay! You are the most witty and sarcastic person I've ever met. I hope you had a great time this year! I'll miss hearing what you write in writing class because any words you put on a piece of paper seem to turn into the funniest thing ever. Keep sarcastically smiling, because I know you will! **Zoe** Lindsay, since grade 8 you've always been that guy that I can eat bananas in public with and appreciate awkward lawls with. I apologize for making fun of your pronunciation of the word knife. Also, the flags of Australia and New Zealand aren't really the same. I'm sorry for ever claiming otherwise. But the point is, you are perhaps the most subtly hilarious guy I've ever met. I'll always wonder if it could have worked out. **Brendan** Lindsay, I don't like this turn of events. By which I of course am referring to school ending, because I won't get to see you everyday! However I did like the turn of events in which we became friends! PS, all steps, even backward ones, are steps in the right direction. You may never know it, but you've changed my life forever. **Melissa**

BRIDGET MCGILLIVRAY

Years at GNS: Lifer
Comments: Bechillibebo, whether it was walking you as my "special" friend, doing runways, or getting the mail, we've made so many memories along the way. Your friendship means so much to me. I know you're going far in life, so don't forget me when you're a big shot. **FM** Beebee, you are my family. Darken your skin, slice off your freckles and die your hair; we'll make you an honorary Ciceri. I can't wait for you to unleash your grade 7 grudges on unsuspecting freshman so we can swap stories. You're one of the only people that understands me, I'll love you forever. **GC** Beebs, you've always been a friend I can count on to laugh with. Whether it's been making dance routines, or acting like drunken sailors, you are the source of my best childhood memories. And remember, not All good things come to an end, they just get more Complicated. **AS** Mario, the chicken to my McNugget... You are always there for my proudest moments, encouraging me on with your words. From parking to becoming a "real" person with a "real" future, you have given me support. I know we'll defy gravity with Pigella by our side. LYLAS, **MT** We're so different and yet we click... I've loved all the crazy times we had together, good laughs, good tears and jazzercise. Our friendship including our endless chats and you teaching me to be assertive has been full of joy. I'm so lucky to call you my friend and have no doubt you'll shine in the future. Love, **JC** Bridget, from that walk home from school, and every moment since, the best of times are always with you. I can't explain how much you mean to me so maybe I will add some more Cayenne. You are one of a kind. Be strong and keep your head up next year, Boo. Love **Mg**

HUDSON MCINTOSH

Years at GNS: 10
Ambition: To own a successful hotel in Scotland, and make a name for myself.
Favourite Quote: "Rise and rise again, until lambs become lions" - Robin Hood
Comments: Huddy! You're everyone's sweetheart and you'll make some Swiss girls very happy. Loved having classes with you, you always knew how to make them interesting. Have an amazing summer and an even better time in Switzerland! **LP** Every once in a blue moon you meet someone who is worth more than gold. My friend you have kept me strong when I wanted to run away thanks will never be enough. Your impact on the world will be something to behold, it will be legend wait for it. Love, **EE** Hudson, I wish it didn't have to come to this, I wish that we could continue our antics in Deep Cove as we have for all these years. All the same, 13 years is still too short a time to have been friends with you. From kindergarten at Deep Cove Elementary back in the day to the days of muddy senior rugby showdowns you have always been there for me. You are still the only person I have ever met who can actually appreciate breakfast, elevenzies, luncheon, afternoon tea, dinner and supper in the same day, cooked over a fire. I will always remember those rainy days spent watching rugby and the sunny days spent walking around North Saanich having epic talks about anything. I have always respected your total disregard for your own personal safety...To the best friend I have ever had, have fun eating then working out then eating some more in Switzerland. You won't have to wait long for a visit. Your friend, **BK**

TALIYA MOODY COHEN

Years at GNS: 2
Comments: Tali, I only wish I had met you sooner! Every moment I've spent with you has been a blast! You're such a sweetheart and so consider to a friend in need of a hug. I loved getting to know you during writing and outside school. You've made English so much more bearable and I can't wait to get to know you further in the future! Love you from the bottom of my heart! –**Lisa** Tali, you know it's funny. I remember the first time we met, and the time after that and my how times have changed! From "hating" to going for walks, and getting up to no good we have always had fun together no matter what we do. It's been a great year with you and I couldn't be happier to have met such a sweet person. Love always, **Emerinie**

RILEY NICHOLSON

Years at GNS: 8
Comments: Riley, what an amazing guy you are. I have never met a more spiffy man in all my life. I'm so I've known you these past 6 years, whether it's in class or outside of school - you've always had a great personality and are quick to make me laugh. I'll miss you a ton next year and, don't worry, I've forgiven you for the bean incident... Best of luck in the future! **Colleen** Riley! You are such a crazy man! You always make my day with your random pokes which make me scream :D or your scary stares and creepy comments (notice the alliteration). But seriously, I'll miss you next year and it's been great being your friend. Hopefully I'll still get to see you in years to come! **Melissa** Oh Brother, how do I love thee? Let me count the ways! I don't think I've met anyone with as much flavor or zest as you've got and there is no one who takes more pride in calling you their friend as I do. You've guided me through some of the most awkward years of me life (grade 8? Dear god I was embarrassing) and I luv yuh for being there no matter my disgusting clothing decisions or obnoxious joke choices. I got your back too brutha and will ALWAYS be there for you. **Fly** If this guy comes to your hometown, lock up your daughters and ready your shotguns. **Ryan** I'm so happy that we've got so close in these past few years. You're a great guy Riley, funny, talented and kind. I would bet millions of dollars that you're going to do amazing things in your lifetime. I hope one day we can get together and collaborate on a project! PS. knock Emily Carr's socks off! **Britt Dzioba**

MAX PATTERSON

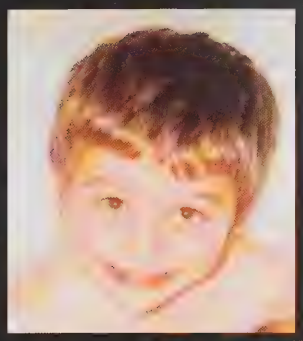
Years at GNS: Lifer
Comments: Max, remember back in Gr. 8 when we used to get along well and talk a lot? WHAT HAPPPENDED?! Yeah, I kinda miss those days and I hope you do too. You're a quiet person but you're also really witty and can make others laugh so I'm sure you'll make many new friends and do amazing next year! **JC**

ILANA PEARSON

Years at GNS: 7
Comments: What a time we've had. Everything at GNS leads to you, everything in life leads to you. You're my best friend, with whom I've shared everything. The unforgettable experiences of Disneyland, and Hawaii, and Seattle... However the little things are best, conversations during choir lunch, late nights we've shared doing homework. You have helped shape me to be the person I am today, I'm so thankful. I love you so much, **AJ** I'll miss laughing, watching scary movies, making university bets! You're a driven person and I know you'll succeed in whatever you put your mind to! Keep in touch. Love, **Carys** Too many a good memories to write here, old friend… But know this; IB kills, les biscuits n'est pas fondues, la prix pour la meilleure actrice. **MP** It's been 6 amazing years with you; MS percussion and code names for boys…You've been there for me as the greatest friend I could ever ask for. You're a wonderful woman and I can't wait to see where you go in life. You will be my note-passing, Vancouver-traveling, tear-drying best friend. Love, **Coa** Life is like a box of chocolates but the things we went through felt more like an endless version of Baskin Robbins 31 flavors. It's been a long journey with ups and downs but as you put it "I wouldn't have had it any other way." Thanks for being there and being remarkably incredible. Love, **Mika** We've made wonderful memories from choir/band, Seattle/Hawaii... I'm glad I was your roomie, one of the best sleepovers I've ever had. You're one of the most understanding and kind friends. The future is bright, stay happy! Love, **Sarah** I'm so happy I was part of your beautiful life. I had fun laughing, crying and singing! I'll miss you terribly... Enjoy your life and keep singing you have a beautiful voice! **Jeddi**

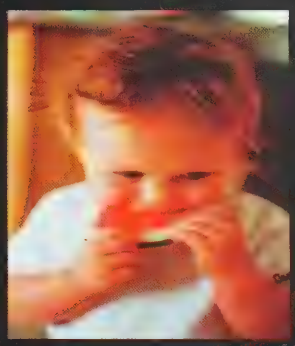
MICHAEL PETERS

Years at GNS: 6
Favourite Quote: "You make the cold hot, and the hot cold" –Armand Saberi
Comments: What started as a crazy bus ride on the Malahat in the early hours of the morning, to arguments on how the cookies were fondue, you've always forced a laugh out of me. Get that actuator copyrighted along with whatever other successes you have in life. **Lana** The Disfunctional Whaletripod was in action many times over the last two years. Ever since the invention of that phrase along with your status in class, it was hilarious to serve as a loyal lieutenant and the chemistry class was always one of the most exciting classes. MP, remember the perfect day? Those days were good days. There are too many tromboner jokes between us. It really has to end. Don't forget to invent something and name it after me. **Big R** My handsome brother, I am proud to have been your good friend all these years. Looking forward to the future and your other brilliant accomplishments that make me proud. **Armand** Mike "The Huge" Peters, you helped me make it through each year by reminiscing on summer, and lightened most of my days with humor. We have created a mosaic of in-jokes. We could literally chill just through our memories. But what's even better is knowing that there will be many new memories in the years ahead. In a word, "YEA." **Ethan** It's hard to imagine what the past year and a half would have been like without you there... you've been the most supportive and understanding person I could hope for. Thank you for always being here for me, whether we're studying math, swimming, or just hanging out and enjoying each others' company. Now go out there and show that world who's boss... you can do anything. Love and BGM, **Sarah**



JESSICA PICKERSGILL

Years at GNS: 8
Nicknames: Jess, Jeddi, Jessique, Juice, Jeh-See-Kah
Favourite Quote: Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.
Comments: JEH-SEE-KAH, the most insane woman I've met. Without you these past couple years would have been much more boring. **BP** I will always remember our French classes and us just being completely bonkers! **BA** It all began with my desperate attempt to make a friend so I baked you brownies and we've been laughing together ever since. Loved our movie nights and giggle fits, hope the giggles won't ever end:) **RF** You are one of my favorite targets, your laugh, your blushing, your great sense of humor makes you fun to be around. Pick up a Georgian accent, become a true southern belle. Thanks for all the fun! **Fyfe** Ever since Gr.5 I knew we'd be BFF's forever! So many amazing times, breakfasts, school outweek, the choir years/jokes... I won't let you live down trying to kill us with pop-tarts! **NB** Ginge friend, thanks for the all-night movie watchings. Won't forget all the awesome choir times that taught us how to cook pop-tarts. **IP** You bring a smile to my face but what blows my mind is your personality wraps it all up in a great warm bundle! I'll miss you! **Flo** I have always appreciated your friendly disposition and good-natured manner. Have fun being ridiculously talented. I advise you to talk to your Belgian bf about your neck. **BK** You're incredibly sweet, fun, talented and amazing. I've really loved hanging out with you. **TS** Jeddi! You have been a happy force in my life! Surprise parties, buffy nights, singing Accidentally In Love really loudly. Don't forget us little people when you're famous. **Hot Chocolate** Thanks for being such a positive and happy influence each day. You will be sorely missed, Picklesgill. **RN**

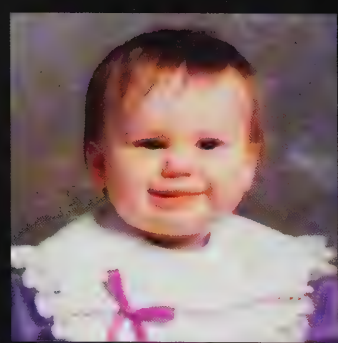


CARYS PINCHES

Years at GNS: 2
Nicknames: CPinch, Shrew
Comments: Carys! I just wanted to say thanks for EVERYTHING. You've always been there for me. Don't eat too many Welch's, you might go insane!! I hope you have fun in university! **KD** You are my go-to-girl and a feel-better-smile You have always been and will always be such an amazing friend. And so, my brilliant Bermudian, and birthday buddy, you'll be amazing next year! Love, **LCUZ**. From the moment we first met, I knew we'd be buddies. You are a lovely person who never loses a smile. I've had some unforgettable times with you, from house hunting to chatting about our "favourite" people! I'll miss you so much next year, especially when I have to peel those oranges by myself. Love, **JC** You can only be described as a little Bermudan energizer who always makes the mood better. It's always a pleasure to spend time with you. You always brighten my day, and I wish you the best of success. Keep going, shrew. **Fyfe** CARYS! You are such a wonderful lady and I love spending time with you! I'll never again doubt your movie choices. I can't wait to you see you in your gorgeous dress. Good luck, **CM** Carys, I often forget how young you are compared to me. You are so intelligent and interesting, it is such a pleasure to talk to you. Either with a cup of tea, on the way home from school, or on the last spring break...so many great memories. I hope you will rescue or join me when I ever get too deeply into one of those "cults." **Akira** I don't think we'll ever get over the last house on the left, but group 4, bio class and crazy get-togethers will be our trademark. You've been a great friend. **IP**

LISA POMMELET

Years at GNS: 4
Comments: You are an amazing girl and are fun to be around! Love you, enjoy your incredible life! **JP** You are always the girl for advice, or just to have fun with. You have a great sense of humor, so keep laughing and doing your thing. **AF** I will miss you! You will do amazing things I know it. AK You have continually stunned me with your passion and your attitude! You will leave the world in awe. **EE** Beautiful, it never fails to amaze me you can so easily make me smile. Your warmth, and delightful spirit remind me that there are truly good people in the world. I love you. **GC** I'm glad I made friends with such a sweet and supportive girl. Choir, hanging out, and three years of talking....Thank you for being a faithful friend. ST You're such a caring friend and it's always wonderful to talk and hangout. You are an incredible writer. No matter what you do, I know you'll do it with heart and laughter. **RC** You are the most wonderful friend. All your help means the world to me! We've had so many crazy amazing times; the Seattle trip, dances makeup exploits, and classes! **NB** Great memories of choir trips, hours in the choir room, and movie nights. You were always the sweet optimist on bad days. We'll always be the pink ladies of choir. **IP** So many memories French, Writing 11, PE, and meeting back in Science 9. Thanks for allowing me to rant. **CM** Your genuine kind-heartedness never fails to amaze me and it's something I always appreciate. Don't forget about our awesome Hawaii trip! **JC** You are a sweet and lovely person who's always a ton of fun to be around. I know that you'll be amazing wherever you go. Good luck and keep being fabulous! **MC**



BRITTANY POWERS

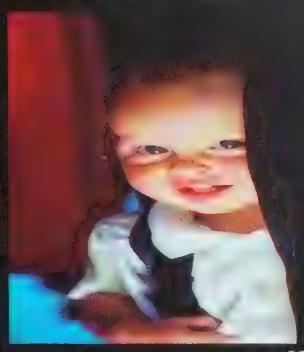
Years at GNS: 4

Comments: Bwinny! From party-of-fours and high school dances to late night tears and never ending drives, you've been there for me through everything. I can't imagine the past 4 years without you. Thanks for being my neighbor, my friend, and everything else I've needed you to be. Love, **CM** You are the silliest goose I know. There is no way I could have enjoyed these last few years without you. The overload of princess and happiness was well frankly a little too much but it wouldn't have been you. Thank you for your amazing happy self and have fun with the rest of your amazing life. Love, **JP** BP! Good times this year! Thanks for coming out and supporting the team, it means a lot to us! Let's stay in touch and best of luck in life! **KD** Powers! Thank you so much for always being there for me and being such a good friend! I am going to miss all the fun we had in physics and when you gave me rides. I wish you the best in the future and keep in touch! Love, **Judy** My sweetheart, you've been an incredible friend. I'll never forget the bonding sessions in Hawaii on the choir trip, the times in grade 10 Science and English, and the emergency shopping trip to Safeway to save my Social Justice project. Thanks so much for being the amazing and vibrant person that you are. **LP** BLP! My middle-name buddy! You are such a fun person to be around, and I can't imagine getting through the geo field study without our teamwork! We really have had the best classes together with our 7 person Geo and History classes... I hope you get in to wherever you want to go next year, we'll keep in touch! **CLP**

MACK RANKIN

Years at GNS: 5

Comments: Mack, my best good skiing buddy. Our partnership has perhaps been too limited and short lived. We definitely need to drop many more lines together in the future. I'll always remember you as that guy who drops the cliff without knowing it... and then lands it. They say life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what your gonna get... and then you lose all your gear, and then your long underwears all wet. I wish for many nar powder days in your future. Your ski pal, **BK** We've had a hell of a time together. I don't know what the OE class would do without you there to a) Fight off bears b) scare us to death in the woods and c) make us sausage pasta. I wish you the best in whatever you chose to do with your life, never forget writing class. **WB** Dear Mack you're the wind beneath my wings and the muscular arm around me when I sleep. All the best, **NB**



CAMERON ROHANI

Years at GNS: 3
Favourite Quote: "Cameron is better than a turkey tiger penguin" - Devon Lohrasbe
Personal Heroes: Pikachu, Waluigi, Yoshi, and SNORLAX
Comments: Oh hey so what grade are you in again? Oh, grade 12? ME TOO! What's that? AND you shave?! You have like totally been my BEST FRIEND this year and there is no one else who I can build jokes with and creatively feed off of the way I can with you. Lets go to EB some time. Your partner in turning being, creepy into an art form, **Max** Cameron, there have been too many great times to name in a grad comment. From the mon chill BBQs to raging calzoners to many ping pongs to many golfs and to much Nintendo you've been an awesome friend **DW** My math wiz chemtastic physic fiending friend. You have helped me pass high school with a smile on your face. You are hilarious witty and a great friend to have. BFFAEAE, **LR** Over the past two years you have been a great friend. Even when I wake you up at 11, phoning to ask you a question about chem or english, or start arguing about physics when all you want me to do is teach you. You're a kind and awsome person. Hope to see you at UVic. **DV** I don't know what I will do without you next year, not having you write me inappropriate, graphic comics to read on the plane, or having you feel my face through your beard hair, or simply insulting me (lovingly) in general. I will always be Mrs. Rohani. I'm looking forward to you picking me up all the time next year. Bring me bubble tea. Much love, your #1 best friend, **JW**

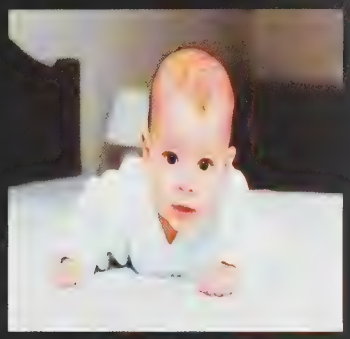
ARMAND SABERI

Years at GNS: 7

Armand! How can you be so brilliant and so annoying at the same time! Good luck next year and I hope you keep on being as amazing as you already are!!! Oh! and don't forget to say thank you to Jen for bugging you a lot!!! **MC** Armand, dubist ein fantastisches jung! we\ve had good times in german and i know you'll go far with your incredible music ability. I'll see you at Uvic next year. **Melisa, heidi**

LIAM SHAW

Years at GNS: 5
Comments: I'm glad we have gotten so much closer in the last little while. High school wouldn't have been the same without a solid friend like you man. I'll find you in the sky. **Callum** Goron, you hail from Death Mountain and play the drums. Every second spent in the Goron Mobile will echo in my memories until the end of time, shrimping people, the rift, and shrimping rift ghouls. One day the world will come to their senses and request the Bloody Minstrels to write EVERYTHING. Your band member a.k.a. slave master, **Max**. GORON! Optimus! Babe! Dude-brah! Ha Ha! Bra! We've had so many good times together I can barely fit them into my huge brain. Highlights include Kludak and Minstrels fersure. Oh there was that time I cracked your windshield with my dome-piece too. Other than that you're just a super great stand up guy with well-defined cheek bones that I'm proud to call my butt-FRIEND-buddy. Oh yeah, also, you need to grace me with a call on the telephone as soon as THAT THING IN THE PLANE happens. **Capt. The Mango.**

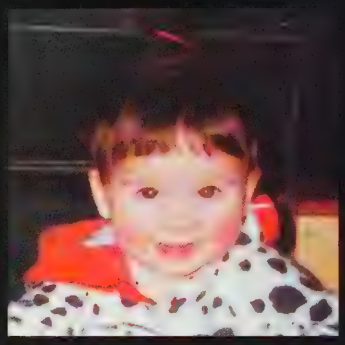


MELISSA SLEGG

Years at GNS: Lifer
Comments: I love you so much! You make me so happy! I'll miss you so much next year. Anaty Schatzi! I've really enjoyed, Art, und natürlich Deutsch with you, and of course just hanging out. Looking forward to seeing you in the summer. **Taryl** Melissa, I am so glad to have met you! The past 3 years have been AWESOME! You are such a great friend! Hope you go off and do amazing things, as I'm sure you will! **Zoko** Slegg! You've got an amazing eye for design and such an amazing personality. It's no wonder everyone loves you! I can't thank you enough for the fabulous times we've had together. **Lisa** We've certainly had some wild times growing up... our high school musical party, our amazing cooking/smoothie making skills, and jamming out to the mini pop kids. Can't wait to see what other crazy missions we get up to, but I'm sure they'll be just dandy. **MA** Melissa! You're the silliest girl I know! I'll never forget our gallivanting around the junior school pretending to be a very strange family. I'll miss you! **JP** Your delightful attitude and playful nature brought a smile in the worst of classes. I hope you continue to be such pleasant company and never forget the little people! **RN** I'll miss our lovely chats and your hilarious honesty! You're a sweetheart and I hope you have a ridiculously good year coming up! **Bri** Melitha, you crazy. Don't try and climb any ladders okay? I probably won't be there to stop you. **Sam** Slegg! I'm going to miss our annual trips and bathroom photo shoots. I hope after university we take up the travelling again; trips with you are always eventful and entertaining! **Mika** You rock, don't ever change. **Cam**

TARYL STELMASCHUK

Years at GNS: Lifer
Comments: Tah-relle! Every minute spent with you is an incredible joy, and you should know it. You better visit me next year! Naynay Schatzi, Ich werde immer dich lieben! Ohne dich ist Leben kein Party, und wir hatten Fantastische Partys. We will always be a part of the beautiful class…Jersey Shore 2014! **Melissa** I suppose we've had some pretty good times over the years, from our super exclusive parties to making you cry in your shower. We always manage to get up to something fabulous when we get together and I look forward to many more adventures in the future. **Marissa** Despite the mean things you send my way, you still happen to be a decent person. We've had a lot of good times of these past years including parties, driving me places, and also Japan. I'll miss you bud, we will have to go out in style this summer. **Gilly** You have been my friend no matter what happened and you have no idea how much I needed that some days. Thank you for being there for when I needed it and watch out for hammocks. Love, **Elsie** This word limit is dumb because I don't think it's possible to boil down everything that we're about in a couple of words. A story like ours is epic. Can you imagine what we would have been like had I not brought my saber-toothed tiger with me to your house for the first time? We would have been mortal enemy. But as it turns out you're my all, who knows every secret of mine. Love, **Fly** I've enjoyed your presence very much. You are one of my oldest friends and I know we'll be friends for many more years to come. We've had some excellent times but walking home with you has to be the best. Love **Fro Brodie.**



SAM STEPHENSON

Years at GNS: 7
Comments: Sam! Your existence on the b-ball court was so big. Thanks to be my teammate and for lots of fun we had on our trips. In a few years, I will come back and dunk over you :) **Akira** SAMBO, The times we have had together have been unforgettable, remember dickie on my lawn, GT's. Basketball this year with you made everything that much more interesting. Even though we argue a bit, deep down we're best of friends, hopefully it's in your future. **K-Train out** Hey bud, you're really tall. Playing basketball with you has been amazing. Keep being the chill guy that you are and let's keep in touch! **KD** Sambo, Big Sam, you are a force to be reckoned with. Your drive and your passion, when directed towards good, are unstoppable. You set your dreams high, and always pass your goals, weather getting buff for ball, or being an Island All-star. This year you provided a true challenge, getting the best of me more times than I'd like to admit. You are true to the sport and the gryphon, and I'll always respect what you brought to the team, and to my life. **Fyfe** Sambo! I'll certainly remember you not just because of your size but also because of your dedication and intensity that you brought to every game. I'll miss playing basketball in the team with you, but we can always come back as alumnus now :) Good luck next year and see you around. **Bran** Sambo! GT's all around. High school has been so eventful and I can't believe it's over. Your tallness kills me, along with you and JENNA. Years have been taken off my life, BRO, BROSKI, YOU ARE LEGIT! Always remember that Sammy boy, FRESH KIDS! **CDC**

MIKELA STURKO

Years at GNS: 4
Favourite Quote: "Any man who can drive safely while kissing a pretty girl is simply not giving the kiss the attention it deserves." - Albert Einstein
Ambition: World Dictator and Archeologist who discovers Forgotten/Mythical places.
Probable Destiny: Trust-fund kid who travels until money runs out, then cougar.
Comments: Well Mika it's been three years since I've known you and this year we've grown closer than ever. I love you and hope your dreams take you to all of the places you want to go. I will not forget getting mad at a certain "boy" and cleaning your entire bathroom, the Friday nights with music and chillin with ma girls. Nothing in this world makes me happier than knowing that you're a part of my life. Australia Gold Coast here we come 2010 BABY. **MN** Our lunches together and our crazy adventures have gotten me through many tough days. You are the most generous and understanding person I've ever met. Your down to earth nature astounds me! Have an awesome time on your travels next year. Love, **BD** Mika bell, you are my shining star. I am so privileged to have spent all these years with you. We always joke about where we would be without each other, but to tell you the truth, I would be so lost. You have the greatest sense of humor out of anyone I know. You always find the bright side out of any situation and I am so happy for that. In the coming years there won't be anyone like you to bring me back to Earth. Thank you. Meeks: My best friend, my love, my sunshine on a rainy day. Wow! **HW**

MICHAEL TENNANT

Years at GNS: 8
Nickname: Mikey
Persona Hero: My Dad
Best Memories: Partying with friends.
Comments: Mike, I still remember how on my first day in this foreign country you took advantage of my innocence and threw snowballs at me, however I forgive you for your past misgivings. I kid, I kid. I really appreciate your friendship over these past years, all those late night gaming sessions, rides, and parties we shared. We have had good times during high school; there will be more to come! **JG**

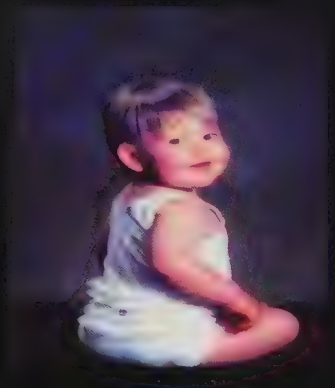
CAITLIN TESSLER

Years at GNS: 1
Best Memories: Wow, after thirteen years at this school, I cannot even believe my time has come to say goodbye to those that I have shared memories with since I was a wee little girl. I will always hold these 13 years dear to my heart, it was seriously nice meeting all of you.
Comments: "We did it honey bee, now let's go far far away from here." I had to ponder for a while what it is that I love about you. Honestly, I couldn't place it because we are so different yet understand each other in such similar ways. I never thought I would meet my dream girl in the last year of high school. You have made this past year more fun than I could have ever anticipated. So after wond why I have such a strong connection to you, I pinned it. It's because you bring out the parts of me that I love, and vise versa. We are two halves that fit perfectly together as a whole. Love you sista. **EH** Oh Caitlin. My awkward redheaded friend. You are the funniest, silliest, most entertaining and interesting girl I have ever met. This year would not be what it is if you had not traveled the vast distance to this strange new world. You are so wonderful countless ways, and it has been a definite pleasure getting to know you my dear. Good luck in your awkward but fabulous life, silly face. I love you Caitlin. **LW** Redheaded women are often portrayed as strong, and independent. They are usually seen as feisty Irish "tough girls". A blonde woman is often perceived as making little use of intelligence, a "woman who relied on her looks rather than on intelligence." Put these together and you get, Caitlin Tessler! Thanks for being such a great friend.
Luv, **Camiran**

MARINA TOMSETT

Years at GNS: Lifer

Comments: Marine, I remember the first time the two of us walked into the world together. Oh the memories we have! I'm excited to be a regular at Teen Lounge. L.Y.L.A.S. love from your best friend **EP**
Luigi, to me you are like a green cheese pizza, crazy on the outside, but overwhelmingly wonderful on the inside. I'm so glad we've grown up together, and it's funny to think we're still as hyper as we were in grade 3. You are so supportive, even when I crack my head open on a speedbump, and I really admire your ability to order drinks at Starbucks. Never let anyone pop that bubbly personality of yours, or I'll have to park so close to their car they won't be able to move. I know your going far, just don't stop believing! LYLAS, **Bridgey.**

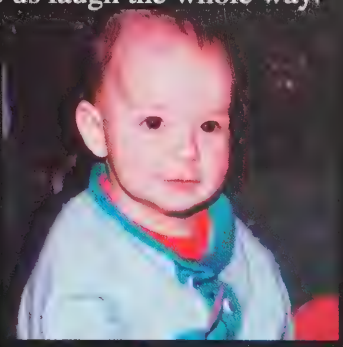


SARAH TRADEWELL

Years at GNS: 3
Favourite Quote: "Our greatest fear is not that we are inadequate, but that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, handsome, talented and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be?" - Nelson Mandela
Comments: You are by far one of the most talented people I know. I envy your enthusiasm for life and everyone in it. Thanks for all the shopping trips, choir rehearsals, and memories in between. Stay strong, live long and prosper. **Lisa** We made it! So many amazing times along the way…Seattle madness, FHORN amazingness, choir silliness. Love you! **Nicole** Oh Sarah! Our goofiness, crazy times, sleepovers, and gross face masks together have been such a highlight to school. You are warm hearted, hilarious, an incredible musician, and a wonderfully fun friend; I'll never forget Seattle and will hold on to each of your tremendous hugs. Love, **Rachel** I will always remember your arpeggio laugh and the week we spent together as one of the best I've had. Thanks for making school more than tolerable and for the countless hours of talking. **Lana** Sarah, your arpeggio and chromatic laughs have made me love music more than I already did. You're the jewel of our concert, jazz, and R&B bands, and choir and jazz choir! **Roy** You've been more to me than you'll ever know, or I'll ever be able to explain. You've helped me make some of the best memories of my life. Few things in life can't be explained in words but our relationship is one of them. No matter what happens in the future you've changed my life, Sarah. Love you munchkin. BGM. **Michael**

DEVON VIVIAN

Years at GNS: 4
Comments: Deevskis, I always got your back no matter what's going on. Whether it's passed out in a hallway, playing golf, and being GOLDEN in Mt. Washington, I'll always remember those nights, you're basically my main man. I think I'm retarded by the way. Anyways, seriously, I hope all goes well for you in life. I'll catch you on the flip side-**CDC** Hey People who are reading this! Theres some things you should know about Devon.... Truth is He's, "Up there," and we are all just trailing behind, "down here." You are going places Devo, and much thanks for being such a good friend. **CR** Devo, ma main man, good times playing golf because we play all the time and I'm really good. Also good times playing tennis because I'm also really good at that. I could probably give you a few lessons here and there in both if you like. PS. good call on the fast greens at the ridge. **C-pain out** Devo, it has been great knowing you for our times at GNS together. From Senior Soccer, to the Golf team, you made us laugh the whole way. It's been sweet seeing you everyday at school and you always brightened up our day. You are a great guy, and we wish you success wherever you go. From **Brendan and Conor** Devon, since throwing cards out the window on the bus, you've never stopped making me laugh. A field of thick-stemmed daisy's couldn't compare to how important you are to me. You're always there for me & I couldn't ask for anything more from you. I'll miss you at school next year. PS.....You're not koala. Love, **Be**



NICK WADE

Years at GNS: 4
Comments: Nick, You are probably the craziest, most innapropriate person I have ever met. I respect your utter disregard for your personal safety.I wish that I had the balls to recklessly throw my body around and tackle with my face. You are perhaps the funniest person in the world to discuss inapropriate things with. Most people would think "that's inapproprite ill think about that later" you think "Thats inappropriate HOLY ****". Thats what makes you so interesting. Some day we'll have another pants-off off. Until then, best wishes, **Brendan**

LEANNE WALLACE

Years at GNS: 12
Nicknames: Lenny, Lion, Wally, Leanners, LeeLee
Best Memories: St. Christopher's, Mrs. wild's gr. 5, Camp Narnia, road trips with FBD, Mrs. lapper's class, summer in GC's pool, all those nights with EH, insanity with FBD, lunches with BD, stage managing everything, crazy dancing, days and nights with LR <3.
Comments: Brains, beauty and the biggest heart I know, you have kept me hopeful since grade 5. Future times ahead of us, I look forward to all the good times to come. Love always, **EH** You're my pink crayon, the blue smarties I save for last, and my favorite storybook I read over and over. You're the sneaky handful of chocolate chips I steal at night even though I've brushed my teeth, and you're the silly cat video that makes me giggle. You are everything I adore. You, my friend, are such a treat that it almost seems unfair that I should hoard you all to myself. Go on and be the best nurse, the best mom, and the best everything else. Just remember; YOU'RE MINE WHEN YOU'RE AN OLD LADY **FBD**. Throughout these past couple years, you have been my confidant, someone I can trust and will remain by my side through anything. From our lunches in the hallways to our crazy summer shenanigans, you have been there for me through thick and thin. Love you Leanne, **BD** You helped me through some rough times in my life and I will never forget the good times we shared such as rainy roller blading and failures of baking. You're awesome. Good luck, **Nick**. What a foxy lady! Honestly when things stop working out with men, call me!! You're the sweetest little thing I've ever had the pleasure of knowing! Its been a slice my dear, good luck, love your lesbian lover, **Bri**

DAVID WARBURTON

Years at GNS: 10
Fav Quote: "The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." - Winston Churchill
Ambition: I will write an artificial intelligence program that will eventually be used to run military defense programs for all the world's major countries. Once enough countries use my system, I will run a routine update which takes control away from the program, and gives it to me. After this I will force all personnel out of the control centers from which the program is run by using the military robots I now control (I may have to invent these as well). Once this is complete, I will fire off one missile from every launch pad in my control and submit an ultimatum to the world. If I am not named supreme dictator of the entire world within a month, I will begin to destroy one major city every day until I am so named. Once I rule the world, I will fulfill all the duties of the evil dictator. I will form Legions of Terror, get myself a cape, an evil laugh, and a super weapon. After a few years, that will probably get old, so rather than wait for some rather heroic youth to dispose of me I'll give myself an awesome pension plan and cede control of my empire to a elected body, and live peacefully and out of the way the rest of my life.
Probable Destiny: I'll become a sufficient but not spectacular programmer, work until I can retire, then live peacefully and out of the way the rest of my life.

DAVID WHEATON

Years at GNS: Lifer
Comments: You were the first person I jammed with, remember goofing around on percussion in school band? Our music-making gets more intense as we get better obviously, so it's better now than ever before and will continue to do so no doubt. We seem to be on the same page most of the time. It took me about 5 years to figure out your sense of humour and way of being, and now that I have, I have decided you must be a prophet of some sort. You have self-knowledge. You were also the first person I really listened to music and shared music with, and our common taste is scary: from Nsync and backstreet boys to dam-funk and sonic youth, its been a weird and intense connection. I think it has at least something to do with the Major 7th…**EL** Why hello Bumblebee. We're so good at skiing, right? Actually, a lot of our friendship has been based on being really good at things, no big deal or whatever. Kludak and Cornerstone are some good times that will forever be remembered by me. Also that time we found a snorkel in your brothers shower wtf amirite? Take care brah, Capt. The Mango. **WB** Dave, You're my Luigi and I your Mario. Over the past years we've killed many koopas, goombas, and of course plentiful bomb-bombs. It'll be a long and hard quest to get to Bowser, but once we get there the quest will be worth it. We will get SOOO many (Peaches) !! But if we don't, we can always just play ping-pong. **CR** Your mouth is as big as your neck is sensitive. Too many good times to recall, all those trips together= best part of high school, Optimus **LS**

JEREMY WHITE

Years at GNS: 3
Nicknames: Jerm, Jemeriquoi, J Dubs, Dubs, Jerome
Favourite Quote: "Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I assure them, it's much more serious than that." – Bill Shankly
Personal Heroes: Bill Shankly and any man who can be Dumbledore, Gandalf, Jose Mourinho and the best soccer coach I've ever had the privilege to be coached by all in one.
Comments: Jeremy you have always done things with Passion and conviction and mad pool skills. I know that I will hear your name later in life describing something amazing, I wish you much happiness but most importantly every thanks, in all honestly I don't know what I would have done if I hadn't met you... Possibly I wouldn't flinch every time someone hissed. Thanks for putting with my spelling and my insanity. Keep in touch (and I do mean that) - **Elspeth** Thank you for the years of advice, the patience, and helping me look on the better side of things. I missed you when you sent to Singapore and I will again when you leave for university. Wherever you go, I hope you play lots of soccer :P and that you meet people who can light up your life as you did mine so many times. Thank you for all the advice and help over the years, for always being there for me no matter what, High school wouldn't have been the same without you. – **Lana**

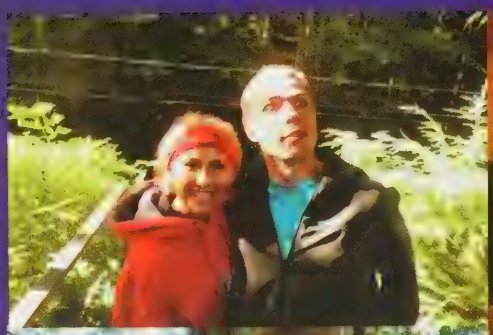
JUDY YOO

Years at GNS: 3
Comments: I'm gonna miss all your Asian treats! I'm glad we got to spend a lot of time together recently and that I was able to be there for you. I'll get you a cosmo subscription for your birthday. Best wishes, **BP** Judy! Thanks for being such a great friend oh and especially, thanks for the food! **KD** Even though we didn't know each other that well at first, I'm glad that we became closer each year. Thanks for everything, for the past few years you've done a lot for me. I hope we keep in touch. Don't forget to rest a bit when you're stressing out. Love, **PC** It's been a long haul but we made it! All the bathroom chats, and late night studying exchanges…it was worth it! You were so much more than just a math buddy, and I hope we stay in touch next year. **IP** Judy! I will miss your sweetness for the rest of my life! I know we didn't know each other very long but even so, our time together was worth every minute. I will miss your amazing candy that saved my life so many times. Enjoy your future because I know it'll be great. Love, **JP** Judy! Time flies when you're having fun! Thanks for all the awesome times and help over the years! Love, **NB** Judy! It's been so great getting to know you and working through our IB struggles together. I appreciate how helpful you've always been as well as your snacks that keep me going through the day. I hope you get everything you want from life because you're great and you deserve it. **MA** Judy, always the smartest, but probably the worst procrastinator of us all. I have no doubt that one day I will meet you at a medical conference somewhere, where we will both be giving a keynote address. Good luck, **Fyfe**

AKIRA YOSHIKAWA

Years at GNS: 2

Comments: OH AKIRA. We've known each other since both of our first days at GNS, and have been such great friends ever since. I really can't think what it would have been like not getting to meet such an outgoing, intelligent, eccentric person as you. We can talk about anything, and even if you get involved in one of those...cults...I will always be there! Love, **Carys** Thanks for being the best brother ever! We made so many great meals and philosophical discussions in these short two years. You've been a great cultural/life teacher, thanks. **Lana** Hey bro, it's been an honour playing basketball with you. I can't explain how great the last few years have been. Thanks for being such a great friend! **KD** Akira kun~! Go shinsetsu ni arigato gojaimasida. I'm going to miss the 'conversations' and your Akira-take on life. I hope that we will stay in touch no matter where you will be and will continue to have a positive effect on others. **Mika** May! Oops Akira! It's been my pleasure getting to know you and feeding off your coolness :) You were a great stimulant to me both inside and outside of the basketball court. I feel bad that you have to sit in the math class alone without a textbook, but hanging out in the library is too tempting! Good luck next year and you know you have a place to stay in the states so come by anytime. **Brandon** AKIRA! So many good times had this season with you man. Basketball was amazing and you just made it that much more fun! Hope you have tons of success where ever you go to Uni, but you had better keep in touch! Love you man and ill miss playin with you. **Sambo** It matters. **Ethan**



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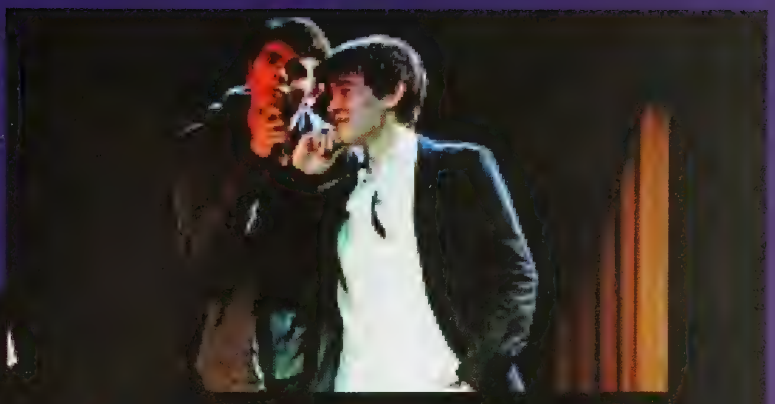

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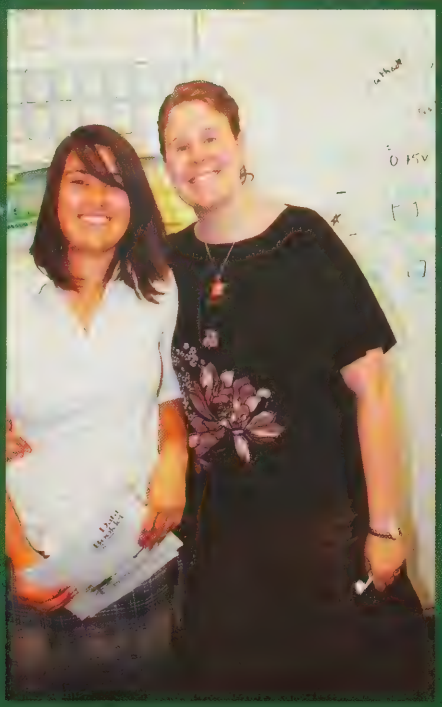

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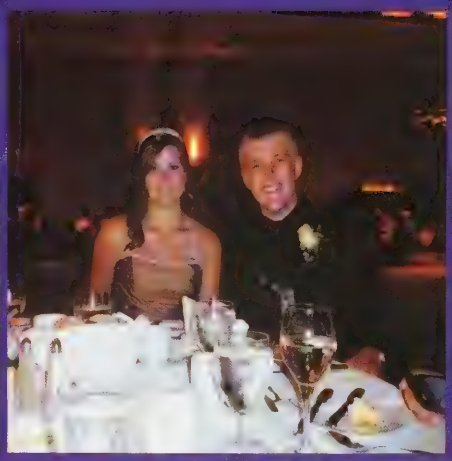

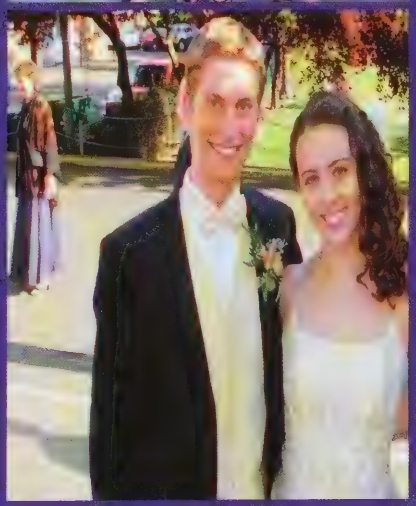

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